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PREFACE.

After a temporary suspension of the publication of the Plymouth Records the third volume is now issued by authority of a vote of the Town passed at its annual meeting of last year. This volume covers a very interesting period beginning in 1743 and ending at the close of 1782. During that period the records were kept by Samuel Bartlett from 1741-2 to March, 1766; by John Cotton from March, 1766, to March, 1767, and by Ephraim Spooner from 1767 during the remaining years.

Samuel Bartlett having been referred to in the second volume no further mention of him is necessary.

John Cotton was a son of Josiah Cotton of Plymouth, grandson of Rev. John Cotton, also of Plymouth, and great-grandson of Rev. John Cotton of Boston, who came from England in 1633. He was born in Plymouth, April 5th, 1712, and graduated at Harvard in 1730. He studied for the ministry and was ordained pastor of the church in Halifax, Massachusetts, in 1736. Leaving the ministry he returned to Plymouth, and in 1756 succeeded his father as Register of Deeds for the County of Plymouth, holding that office until his death, November 4, 1789. He was a delegate to the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention in 1780, and the author of a history of the First Church. He was the father of Rev. Josiah Cotton of Wareham, of Rev. Ward Cotton of Boylston, and of Rossiter Cotton, who succeeded him as Register of Deeds. The following lines are inscribed on his gravestone on Burial Hill in Plymouth:

'Tis Heaven's irrevocable decree:
That the great, the good, the pious shall fall,
In the dark grave undistinguished to be,
'Till the last trumpet rends the azure sky!
When the virtuous immortal shall rise
To glory and joys 'bove the starry skies;
The vicious to pain, dishonor, contempt
In realms below the splendid firmament.

Ephraim Spooner was son of Thomas and Mary (Nelson) Spooner, and was descended from William Spooner, who came from Colchester, England, and settled in Plymouth in 1636. He was born in Plymouth in 1735, and for some years was a partner in business with Thomas Davis. On the 26th of October, 1775, he was appointed associate justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, holding that office until July 5, 1790, when he was appointed judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Plymouth County, holding his seat until the Court was abolished, June 21, 1811. He was at various times Representative, member of the Executive Council, and many years Deacon of the First Church. He died in Plymouth, March 22, 1818.

WM. T. DAVIS, *Editor.*

PLYMOUTH RECORDS.

[105.] At a Town Meeting Regularly assembled & held at Plymouth on ye fourth day of July Anno Dom 1743.

At sd Meeting Haviland Torrey & Stephen Churchell were chosen to serve on ye Grand Jury at ye next Supr Court to be holden at Plymouth &c on ye Second Tuesday of July Instant.

At sd meeting Messrs Thomas Holmes Saml Foster Judah West Thomas Bartlett & Nathan Delano were Chosen Petitt Jurors for sd Supr Court.

At a Town Meeting Regularly assembled & held at Plymouth on ye twelveth day of September Anno Domini 1743 For the Choice of Petit Jurors the Majr Part of ye selectmen not being present sd Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday ye 13th currant at Eight of ye Clock In ye forenoon.

September 13th 1743. At a Town Meeting then held at ye Court House in Plymo. By adjournment from ye 12th of Sept currant William Donham and Joseph Morton Junr were appointed Jurors to serve on the Jury of Tryall for Septr Court Instant.

At a Town Meeting Regularly Assembled and held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 7th day of November Anno Dom 1743.

At sd Meeting Doctr Lasarus LeBaron* Was Chosen Moderator.

At sd meeting The Town Voted to Raise the sum of fifty five Pounds Lawfull Money to defray ye nessary charges

* Dr. Lazarus LeBarron was the son of Dr. Francis LeBarron, a French surgeon, who was wrecked in a French vessel and came to Plymouth in 1694. Francis married in 1695 Mary, daughter of Edward Wilder of Hingham, and Lazarus was born in Plymouth in 1698. Lazarus married in 1720, Lydia, daughter of Joseph Bartlett and great granddaughter of Robert Bartlett, who came to Plymouth in the Ann in 1623, and married in 1628, Mary, daughter of Richard Warren of the Mayflower. He married second in 1743, Lydia, widow of Elkanah Cushman, daughter of David Bradford and great granddaughter of Governor William Bradford. Dr. LeBarron was one of the Selectmen of Plymouth from 1735 to 1756 inclusive, and from 1766 to 1769 inclusive. He presided at the Annual Meetings of the Town from 1743 to 1745, in 1747, from 1751 to 1757, in 1759, 1761, 1763 and 1764.

of ye Town for this present year, Exclusive of what ye Town may raise for the use of ye poor.

The Town Voted the sum of twenty five pounds Lawfull* money for ye use of the poor of sd Town to be drawn out of the Town Treasury as occasion may Require.

At a Town Meeting Regularly Assembled & held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday Decr ye 12th Anno Dom: 1743.

At sd Meeting Jonathan Bartlett William Harlow Jabez Shurtleff and Thomas Sears were appointed & chosen to serve on ye Petitt Jury for ye next Inferr Court to be holden at Plymouth on ye Third Tuesday of December Instant.

At a Town Meeting Regularly Assembled & held at ye Court House In Plymo on Monday the 5th day of March A Dom 1743. At sd meeting Ebenezer Bartlett James Lanman John Kempton & John Nelson were appointed to serve on ye Petit Jury for ye next Inferiour Court to be holden ye first Tuesday of March Currant.

At sd Meeting Nathl Foster & Bennajah Pratt were chosen to serve as Grand jurors for the ensuing year.

At sd meeting Doctr Laz. LeBaron was chosen Moderator and Saml Bartlett Esqr† was Chosen Town Clerk for ye ensuing year & sworn to ye faithfull discharge of his sd office by John Murdock Esqr and Messrs Josiah Morton Stephen Churchill Doct Le Barron Nathl Thomas Esq &

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* A footnote on lawful money may be found on page 346 of the second volume of these printed records. It is only necessary here to add that the first paper currency in Massachusetts was issued under an Act passed Dec. 10, 1690, authorizing the immediate issue of seven thousand pounds in bills from five shillings to five pounds. The currency issued before 1737 was called old tenor. In 1737 a new issue was made calculated to rate at one for three of the old tenor and in 1741, a new set of bills was issued to circulate at the rate of six shillings, six pence per ounce of silver and these becoming the new tenor, the issue of 1737 was called middle tenor. In 1741, the old tenor was rated at twenty-nine shillings per ounce and the new at nine shillings, six pence. In 1747, the paper currency of the Colony amounted to about two millions, and of this amount £1,792,236 5s 1d before June 3, 1751, had been redeemed by money received as due to the colony on account of expenses in the expedition against Cape Breton. An Act passed January 20, 1748, provided for the redemption at the rates of one dollar for forty-five shillings in old tenor and one dollar for eleven shillings and three pence in middle and new tenor.

† Samuel Bartlett was son of Joseph, and was born in 1696. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac Lothrop, and was prominent in business affairs. He was descended from Robert Bartlett, who came in the Ann in 1723 and married Mary, daughter of Richard Warren, of the Mayflower.

Haveland Torrey were chosen Selectmen and Messrs Saml Bartlett Esq Josiah Morton & Stephen Churchill were chosen Assessors and Thomas Doty Lemuell Barnes & John Blackmer were chosen Constables.

Then ye Town voted Thomas Bartlett & Benjamin Cornish to be Surveyors of the highways on ye same Terms & Conditions as ye Surveyors served Last year. All the above chosen at sd meeting.

[**106.**] At a Town Meeting held as within mentioned on ye 5th of March 1743.

At sd meeting Mr. Thomas Foster* was chosen Town Treasurer for ye ensuing year and Nathaniel Bartlett Michael Burne John Waterman & Josiah Morton Jun were chosen Tytheingmen.†

And Joseph Bartlett Benjamin Rider Joseph Warren Thos Bartlett Eleazer Churchill Eleazer Holmes Timothy Morton Thomas Spooner Thomas Holmes & Saml Nelson were chosen Fence Viewers & Field Drivers.

And Solomon Silvester Israel Clark Ezekiel Rider Josiah Morton Jun Ebenezer Churchill Jonathan Churchill Nathl Warren Walter Rich Nathl Churchill Timo Burbank Ebenezer Bartlett & John Nelson were chosen Hogreeves.‡

And Stephen Churchill & Timothy Morton were chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

And Thomas Spooner & Melateah Lothrop were chosen Sealers of Leather.

At sd Meeting the Town put in their votes for a County Treasurer and sd votes were Delivered to Epm Cobb Constable.

And Thomas Doty Lemuell Barnes & John Blackmer were chosen Collectors and to be allowed for Collecting ye Taxes as the Collectors were allowed ye last year they to be under ye same obligations by bonds as ye Collectors were ye last year.

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* Thomas Foster was Town Treasurer from 1741 to 1756. He was a son of John Foster and father of Thomas Foster, who graduated at Harvard in 1745 and taught the Town School. He died of Small Pox in 1777.

† Under the laws of the Province, tytheingmen were annually chosen, not only for the purpose of looking after Sabbath breakers, but of inspecting licensed houses and of informing of all disorders or misdemeanors committed therein.

‡ Hogreeves were first chosen in 1705 when swine were permitted to wander about the streets. Within the memory of the editor they were seen every day in the streets of New York and Washington.

At a Town Meeting assembled & held at ye Court House in Plymo on Monday the 7th day of May Anno Dom:1744.

At sd Meeting Messrs Joseph King Joseph Shurtleff Silvanus Bramhall & Elkanah Morton were appointed to serve on the Petitt Jury for the next Infer Court to be holden at Plymo on the Third Tuesday of May Currant.

At a Town Meeting Regularly Assembled and held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 21st day of May A D 1744.

At sd Meeting Thomas Foster was chosen Representative for the Ensuing year.

At a Town Meeting Held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 2d of July A. D. 1744.

*James Hovey was chosen Clerk for the day (ye standing clerk being absent) & was sworn to ye faithful Discharge of that office Before Nathl. Thomas Esq.

Doct. Laz. LeBaron was chosen Moderator. Voated that the first Precinct in this Town shall have Liberty to Improve a Piece of Land Twenty seven feet front & as Deep as ye old Meeting House now is (beside the Land ye old Meeting House now stands on) in order to Build a New Meeting House upon for the Public Worship of God so long as they see cause to Keep a Meeting House thereon,

Deacon Haveland Torrey & Timothy Morton was chosen to serve on ye grand jury at ye Supr Court to be held at Plymo ye 2d Tuesday of July Current & Capt. Josiah Morton Saml Nelson Caleb Sherman Jas Shurtleff & Samuell Donham was appointed to serve on ye Petitt Jury at said Court agreeable to Law.

[**107.**] At a Town Meeting held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday the Third day of September Anno Domini 1744, Joseph Morton & John Harlow was appointed to serve on ye Petitt Jury for ye next Infer Court to be holden at Plymo on ye Third Tuesday of September Currant.

At a Town Meeting assembled & held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday Oct. 1st 1744 Doctor Lazarus LeBarron was chosen Moderator.

At sd Meeting the Town voted that they will not make

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* James Hovey was a son of Ivory Hovey of Ipswich and was born in 1709. He was an Attorney-at-Law in Plymouth, and at one time owned and occupied the house now known as the Central House on Main Street. He died in 1781.

any addition to the School Masters Salary for this year.

At sd Meeting the Town voted to raise sixty pounds Lawfull money to defray ye necessary charges of the Town for the Present year, exclusive of what ye Town may raise for ye use of the poor.

Voted the sum of Fifteen pounds Lawfull money for ye use of ye poor.

Voted by ye Town that ye Town Bell be hung on ye new meeting House, where the old one stood to be for ye use of the Town untill ye third Precinct shall have a bell of their own and then the sd Town Bell shall be and belong to the first precinct They paying to the Second & Third Precincts their proportionable parts of the Then value of sd Bell according to the Taxes the Inhabitants of sd Precincts pay to ye Town.

At a Town Meeting assembled & held at ye House of Mr. Stephen Churchill in Plymouth by adjournment from ye Court House on Monday ye 17th day of December Anno Dom: 1744 John Harlow Jun Benjamin Bartlett Mathew Lemote & Saml King Jun was appointed to serve on ye Petitt Jury for ye next Infer Court to be holden at Plymouth on ye third Tuesday of December Currant.

At a Town Meeting assembled and held at ye Court House in Plymo on Monday ye 4th day of March A. Dom: 1744.

At sd Meeting Doct Lazarus LeBarron was chosen Moderator.

At sd Meeting Saml Barlett Esq was chosen Town Clerk & sworn before Nathl Thomas Esq.

At sd Meeting Nathl Thomas Esq Stephen Churchill Lasarus LeBarron Haviland Torrey & Joseph Bartlett were chosen Selectmen.

And Josiah Morton Stephen Churchill & Saml Bartlett Esq were chosen Assessors.

And Thomas Swift Caleb Shareman and Ebenezer Holmes Jun were chosen Constables.

And Joseph Warren & Michael Burne was chosen Grand-jury men for the year ensuing.

And Archibald Fisher Joshua Swift Asa Hatch & Eleaser Churchill Jun were chosen to serve on ye Petitt Jury for March Currant.

Robert Harlow Elkanah Totman Joseph Morton Jun Nathl Warren & John Torrey was chosen Tytheingmen.

Thomas Foster chosen Town Treasurer.

Consider Howland Josiah Carver Elisha Doten Benga Cornish Eleazer Holmes & Theophilus Cotton were chosen Fence Viewers and Field Drivers.

Elkanah Totman Nehemiah Ripley Nathl Donham Jun Nathan Cobb Eleazer Churchill Jun Zaphaniah Holmes Nathl Warren Thomas Bartlett and Abial Shurtleff Nathl Bartlett and John May Jun were chosen Hogreeves.

[**108.**] At sd Meeting it was considered By the Town that whereas it often happens that Persons carrying their* stoves to ye meeting Houses in sd Town on the Lords Days & at other times; whereby ye meeting Houses are endangered of Being set on fire and consumed & the Town also Greatly endangered thereby it is therefore voted that each Person Leaving his or her stove in any of the Meeting Houses in sd Town after the People are all gone out (But ye Saxton) shall forfeit & Pay ye sum of Five shillings to be Improved as ye Law Directs; and ye stove so left to be forfeited to ye saxton finding ye same & the Saxton of each Meeting House in ye Town are Required carefully to inspect ye Pews & seats in each Meeting House, he or they have ye care off and to take into his possession all such stoves as may be so left in either or any of sd Meeting Houses and them keep in his Possession till the owners thereof Pay him the value of sd stove or stoves so taken; and also each Saxton is Required and Impowered to Prosecute each Person leaving his or her stove as aforesaid and to Recover ye penalty set on such offender By this act.

And Nathl Thomas & Saml Bartlett Esq were chosen to Prefer a Copy of this Town Act or By-Law to ye Court of General Sessions of ye Peace to be holden at Plymouth for ye County of Plymouth on the First Tuesday of March Curant, for their allowance and appropriation of the same.

At said Meeting the Town voted that every male head of a Family be obliged to procure Ten grown Rats heads or Ten Grown black birds heads and bring them to ye Town Treasurer and ye Town Treasurer to give a List to ye assessors of each head of a family that has procured his quota of sd Black birds or Rats heads; and each head of a family that shall not procure ye aforesaid Number of heads shall be assessed ye sum of six pence old Tenor pr head for each

* Foot stoves were the only means of heating the Church and the editor remembers when they were generally used.

head that he shall fall short of sd number; and ye assessors in making Their assessments are ordered to add each Delinquents fine or penalty to his next Town Tax.

At sd Meeting Nathl Thomas & Saml Bartlett Esq were chosen Agents for ye Town to appear & answer (at ye next Generall Sessions of ye Peace to be holden at Plymouth) to ye presentment made by ye Grandjury for the deficiency of ye Publick Road near John Harlows.

At sd Meeting Stephen Churchill Timo Morton & David Turner was chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

And Nathl Thomas Esq Thoephilus Cotton Joseph Warren Eleazer Holmes Benjamen Rider & Seth Swift were chosen Surveyors of ye high-ways.

And Thomas Spooner & Walter Rich was chosen Sealers of Leather.

Then a vote was called to know ye Towns mind if they would act anything on that paragraph inserted in ye Warrant to order if it be that proper to Lengthen ye Axeltrees of ye Carts so as ye ways may be made wider. Voted in ye Negative.

Then ye sd Town Meeting was adjourned to Monday ye 18th day of March Currant at 2 o'clock in ye afternoon.

At a Town Meeting assembled & held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 18th day of March A D 1744 by adjournment from ye 4th day of this instant March.

At sd Meeting the Town voted to accept of Benj Bartlett as Constable for ye year ensuing in Lieu of Ebenezer Holmes Jun who was chosen Constable.

Voted also that ye Constables shall be Collectors for the Town this year and to be allowed for collecting the Taxes six pence per pound. They Respectively giving Bonds to ye Town Treasurer for their seasonable Collecting & paying in ye same.

[**109.**] At a Town Meeting Regularly assembled & held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 20th day of May Anno Dom: 1745.

At sd Meeting Doct Lazs LeBarron was chosen Moderator.

And Robert Harlow Nathl Foster Josiah Finney and Saml Kempton was chosen to serve on the Petitt Jury at ye Inferr Court of Common Pleas on ye third Tuesday of Instant May.

At sd Meeting Deacon Thomas Foster was chosen Representative for the ensuing year.

And ye Town voted to allow Ephraim Cobb the sum of Eight pounds old Tenor for his services in taking Care of ye Watch in 1744.

At a Town Meeting assembled & held at ye Court House in Plymo on Monday ye first day of July A Dom 1745.

At sd Meeting Capt. Stephen Churchill & Deacon Haverland Torrey was chosen to serve on ye Grand Jury for next Sup. Court and Deacon John Atwood Abraham Jackson Joseph Bartlett Jun Thomas Mayhew & Jonathan Barnes chosen to serve on ye Jury of Tryalls at sd Court.

At a Town Meeting Regularly Assembled & held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 9th day of September 1745.

At sd Meeting Nathl Croade & Nathl Churchill was chosen to serve on ye Petitt Jury for the next Court to be holden at Plymo on ye Third Tuesday of Sept. Currant.

At sd Meeting the Town voted to Raise the sum of Eighty Pounds in Bills of ye new Tenor for defraying ye necessary Charges of ye Town for this present year. Ten pounds of sd Money to be for ye use of ye poor.

At sd Meeting Deacon *Haviland Torrey was chosen Moderator.

At a Town Meeting Regularly Assembled and held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Friday ye 13th day of Dec. 1745 Lemuel Barnes Joseph Holmes Josiah Clark & Saml Cornish was chosen to serve on ye Jury of Tryalls for ye next Inferiour Court to be holden at Plymouth on ye 3d Tuesday of December Currant.

At a Town Meeting Regularly Assembled and held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 3d Day of March 1745.

At sd Meeting William Barnes Thomas Faunce Josiah Rider & Nathl Warren was chosen to serve on ye Petitt Jury for the next Court to be holden at Plymouth on ye First Tuesday of March Currant.

At sd Meeting Deacon Haveland Torrey was chosen Moderator.

At sd meeting Samuel Bartlett Esqr was chosen Town Clerk and sworn Before John Murdock Esqr.

At sd Meeting Stephen Churchill Haveland Torrey

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* Haviland Torrey was a great grandson of James Torrey, who appeared in Scituate in 1640.

Joseph Bartlett Lazarus Lebarron & John Watson were chosen Selectmen.

At sd Meeting Josiah Morton Stephen Churchill & Samuell Bartlett Esqrs were chosen Assessors.

At sd Meeting Samuell Bartlett & Joshua Bramhall were chosen Grand jurors for ye year ensuing.

At sd Meeting Elkanah Morton Jonathan Diman & Samuell Cornish were chosen Constables.

At sd Meeeting the Town voted that the Constables shall be Collectors for the Town this year & To Be allowed for Collecting ye Taxes six Pence per Pound They Respectively giving Bonds to the Town Treasurer for their seasonable collections & Paying in ye same.

[**110.**] At sd Meeting Deacon Thomas Foster was chosen Town Treasurer.

At sd Meeting Jeremiah Howes Benjamin Rider Samuell Nelson Thomas Spooner Seth Swift Thomas Bartlett were chosen Surveyors of Highways.

At sd Meeting Nathaniel Shurtleff Thomas Clark William Clark Cornelius Holmes & Joseph Morton Junr were chosen Tytheing men.

At sd Meeting Timothy Morton Bennjah Pratt John Blackmer Thomas Holmes Joseph Morton & Joseph Morrey were chosen Fence Viewers and Field Drivers.

At sd Meeting William Harlow Silvanus Brimhall Samuel Clark Jonathan Harlow James Clark Junr John Waterman William Ellis Junr Nathaniel Morton Joseph Rider Junr were chosen Hogreeves.

At sd Meeting Stephen Churchill Timothy Morton & David Turner were chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

At sd Meeting Thomas Spooner & Walter Rich were chosen Sealers of Leather.

At a Town Meeting Regularly Assembled & held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 19th of May A Dom: 1746.

At sd Meeting Seth Swift William Morton Stephen Churchill Junr & Joshua Shareman were chosen Jurymen to serve on ye Petitt Jury for ye next Inferiour Court to be holden at Plymo on ye Third Tuesday of May Currant.

At sd Meeting Deacon Thomas Foster was chosen Representative for ye ensuing year.

At sd Meeting Doct Lazs LeBaron was chosen Moderator.

Then ye Town Proceeded to act on ye Petition of Eleazer Churchill & Twelve others that something may be done about Schools, as mentioned in ye warrant agreeable to sd Petition, and Messrs James Warren Esqr* Capt Josiah Morton Saml Nelson Joseph Warren Joseph Bartlett Thomas Bartlett Thomas Jackson Nathan Delano Joseph Bartlett Junr was chosen a committee to consider ye same & to make Report to ye Town at the next Town Meeting.

At sd meeting The Town Voted and chose Mr Joseph Warren & Deacon Thomas Foster to be agents for ye Town to treat with ye agents of Barnstable County as to Repairing Eel River Bridge in Plymouth and so to take care that sd Bridge be well repaired.

At a Town Meeting assembled and held at ye Court House in Plymo on Tuesday ye 1st day of July A Dom: 1746.

At sd Meeting Deacon Haveland Torrey & Stephen Churchell was chosen to serve on ye Grand jury for ye next Supr Court, and Thomas Spooner Thomas Jackson John Finney Lazarus Samson Joshua Drew were chosen to serve on ye jury of Tryalls at sd Court.

At sd Meeting Doctor Lazs LeBaron was chosen moderator.

At sd Meeting The Town Voted to continue ye affairs Relating to ye schools (as entered at ye Last Town Meeting) to ye next Town Meeting.

[**111.**] At a Town Meeting Regularly assembled & held In ye Court House In Plymo on Monday ye first day of Sept A Dom: 1746

At sd Meeting Doctr Lazs LeBaron was chosen moderator.

At sd Meeting The Committee for ye school brot in their

* James Warren was the great-great-grandson of Richard Warren of the Mayflower. He was born in Plymouth in 1726 and graduated at Harvard in 1745. He was many years a Representative, and succeeded Dr. Joseph Warren as President of the Provincial Congress. He was also Sheriff of Plymouth County, Major-General of the Militia, and for a time Paymaster-General of the Army during the Revolution. He was also Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1787, and declined the office of Lieut-Governor to which he was chosen in 1780 and that of Judge of the Superior Court of Judicature, to which he was appointed in 1776. He was a member of the Executive Council and active in the affairs of his native town. He married, in 1754, Mercy, daughter of James Otis of Barnstable and sister of the patriot, and died in Plymouth at his residence, now standing at the corner of North and Main streets, November 28, 1808.

Report Relateing to ye school, and the Town Voted that the affair of ye school or schools be adjourned to ye next Town Meeting and the sd Report to be Lodged with ye Town Clerk.

At sd meeting The Town Voted That ye assessors shall take a valuation of ye Estates in ye Town (memo is in order for makeing ye Taxes).

At sd meeting The Town voted to raise the sum of one Hundred Thirty Two Pounds Ten Shillings money, new Tenor, to defray ye necessary charges of ye Town the Present year.

Also Voted the sum of Fifteen Pounds new Tenor for ye use of ye poor in sd Town.

Plymo Novr 1 1746 per warrant, A Town Meeting to be Attended on ye 10th of Novr to Consider ye Report of ye Committee in Regard to ye Schools; The Town Then attended, and Constable Saml Cornish's warrant sent to him not being Returned The Meeting not opened, So nothing was acted on.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held at ye Court House in Plymo on Saturday ye 13th day of December A Dom: 1746.

At sd meeting Eleakim Tappen John Howland Cornelius Holmes and Ebenezer Rider were Chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for ye next Inferr Court to be holden at Plymouth on ye Third Tuesday of this Instant December.

Plymo Decr ye 29th 1746 per Warrant A Town Meeting to be attended on Monday the 12th day of January To Consider the Report of ye Committee In Regard to ye Schools &c &c. The Town Then assembled and The Warrant Dd Constable Elkanah Morton not Being Returned The Meeting not opened. So nothing was acted on.

At a Town Meeting Regularly Assembled & held In ye Court House In Plymo on Tuesday ye 20th day of January Anno Dom: 1746.

At sd Meeting Doctr Lazarus LeBaron Chosen Moderator.

And consequent on ye Committees Report Relateing to ye Schools which Report is In ye words following viz.

The Committee Chosen at a Town Meeting held at Plymouth ye 19th day of May 1746 To Consider of ye Petition of Eleazar Churchell & Twelve others, and to make Report at ye next Town Meeting: Haveing met & considered there-

of, are of ye opinion That the First thing mentioned Therein Relateing To The Continuance of Mr. Ward will Be Most Proper for The Town To Act upon after they Have Determined Whether They will Have more Schools Then one; as to the Second about Removing of The School House considering The Great charges we are and Have been at Wee Think it Not Conveniant To Remove it at Present, and as To The Third Thing whether they will Have more schools Then one we are of The Mind That one school Master Cannott Instruct all the Children as they should Be.

Therefore think it may be well If There should be a Reading & Writeing school set up, Provided it is a moving one, and that each Part of The Town Have The Benefitt of it in Proportion. Then a vote was called To Know The Towns mind whether They would Have one school more than the standing school They Now Have.

Voted in the affirmative.

Then the Vote was Called To Know if The Town Would Have another school set up so as To make Three schools.

[112] Voted In ye Negative.

Then a vote was Called if The School Voted To Be set up shall Be a moveing school so that Each Part of the Town shall have The Benefitt of it, as mentioned In the sd Report of the Committee.

Voted In ye Negative.

The Town Voted That They will Not Continue* Mr. Ward as a school master any Longer.

Then Voted That The school To Be set up shall Be for Reading Writeing and Arithmetick.

Then a vote was Called To know the Towns mind if they would Choose a committee To Consider where the School House for the School should Be erected and set up Within The sd Town.

Voted In ye affirmative.

Then The Town Proceeded and Chose Joseph Bartlett Junr Thomas Jackson Theophilus Cotton Nathan Delano & Jeremiah Howes To Be a Committee To Consider Where the sd School House shall Be Erected and set up for ye Benefit of The Town and to make Report to the Town at ye adjournment of this meeting.

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* Enoch Ward was of Littleton and graduated at Harvard in 1736. He died in 1749.

At sd meeting Messrs Haviland Torrey Thomas Foster & John Watson was Chosen and Desired to take care and Procure a school master suitable For the Grammar school for the Term of Three years from this Date.

At sd meeting Messrs Stephen Churchell Thomas Doty & Joseph Bartlett Be a Committee To Consider and view the spot of Land By Cole's Hill which Thomas Jackson & Thomas Foster By their request Desire To Buy or Hire of the Town to set a Warehouse on.

The sd Committee to make Report to ye Town at ye adjournment of this meeting.

Then the Town Meeting was adjourned to Monday ye Second Day of Febry next at one of ye Clock In ye afternoon.

At a Town Meeting held In ye Court House In Plymo on Monday ye 2nd day of February A Dom: 1746. By adjournment from January ye 20th. At sd meeting The Report of a Committee was Read In ye words following, viz:

At a Town Meeting Regularly assembled and held In ye Court House In Plymouth Janry 20th 1746–7 The Town Voted that a school should be set up for Reading Writeing and Arithmetick.

We ye Subscribers were Chosen a committee at sd meeting To Consider where sd school shall be set up, and to make Report at ye adjournment of sd Meeting; Haveing mett and considered thereon: are of opinion that it will be most for the Benefitt of ye whole That ye School House be *set upon ye Training Green about middway Between the House of Mr Lemuel Barnes & ye House that was formerly Capt Waites, near the Stone Wall.

Thomas Jackson,
Joseph Bartlett Junr
Theo Cotton
Nathan Delano
Jeremiah Howes.

Then the Town Considering It being a stormy day and a very difficult Time to travel The Inhabitants of ye Town in ye Second Precinct and at ye Eel River and ye North part of ye Town not Being at ye Meeting, It was thought

* Where this school house was finally built it is difficult to decide. It certainly was not built within the present bounds of Training Green, nor was it built on that part of the Green bounded by South, South Green, Pleasant and Sandwich Streets, for that was sold in 1788 to the first precinct.

best to adjourn the meeting; and accordingly voted That this meeting is further adjourned to Monday ye 9th day of This Instant February at one of ye Clock in ye afternoon.

At a Town Meeting Held In ye Court House In Plymo on Monday ye 9th day of February A Dom: 1746 By adjournment from ye 2nd day of this Instant February.

At sd Meeting A Vote was Called to know if ye Town would accept the Report of ye Committee as to the placeing of ye Second school (viz The Reading and Writeing school) where it should be set up.

Voted they will accept sd Report.

[113] Then a vote was Called to Know ye Town's mind if they would Reconsider the vote passd ye 20th of January Last, whereby ye 2nd school was to be a fixd, and not To be a moveing school.

Voted that they will not Reconsider ye sd vote.

Then a vote was Called to know if ye Town would Reconsider ye vote passd ye 20th of January viz that they would not have another school set up so as to make Three schools.

Voted that they would Reconsider the same, and then Voted that there should be a Third school set up for ye use of the Inhabitants of Monument Ponds and Eel River, and that sd school shall be a moveing school.

Then ye vote was called to know if the Two schools to be set up shall be continued for more then one year.

Voted in the affirmative.

Then Voted that ye two schools shall be continued For the Term of three years.

Then Voted that Capt. Josiah Morton John Blackmer Joseph Holmes Joseph Warren & John Finney Be a committee to supply ye schools to be set up for Monument Ponds and Eel River.

Also voted that James Warren Esqr Deacon Joseph Bartlett & Thomas Jackson be a Committee to supply ye school to be set up on ye Training Green.

Sd Committees to Procure Suitable school Masters for sd schools.

At sd meeting The Town Voted That ye Paragraff Inserted in ye Report of the Committe as Entrd ye 20th of January Respecting The Removeing the School House for ye Grammar School Be Adjourned to ye next Town Meeting; and then to be acted upon.

At sd meeting The Town Voted (In Referrence to ye Petition of Messrs Thomas Jackson and Thomas Foster Respecting the Land Below Coles Hill as entrd Janry 20th); that Eleazer Churchell Nathan Delano Thomas Doty Thomas Spooner & Doctor LeBarron be a Committee to view and consider the same, and if for ye best for ye Town, To sell or hire to sd Jackson & Foster ye Land they Petitioned for and on what Terms, and to make Report to ye Town at ye next Town Meeting.

At a Town Meeting held In ye Court House In Plymo on Fryday ye 27th day of February, Anno Dom: 1746.

At sd Meeting Saml Rider Jeremiah Howes Solomon Silvester and Abner Holmes were Chosen Jury men To serve on ye Petit Jury for the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Plymouth on ye first Tuesday of March next.

At sd Meeting Deacon Haveland Torry was Chosen Moderator.

And then this Meeting was adjourned to Monday ye second day of March next. And all matters & things depending still remaining to be done then to be acted upon.

[**114**] At a Town Meeting Regularly Assembled and held at ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 2nd day of March 1746.

At sd Meeting Doctr Lazarus LeBaron was chosen Moderator.

At sd meeting Saml Bartlett Esqr was chosen Town Clerk and sworn before Robert Brown Esqr.

At sd Meeting The Severall Town officers were chosen as Below viz:

Messrs Josiah Morton Stephen Churchell Haveland Torrey Lazarus LeBaron & John Watson, Selectmen.

Josiah Morton Saml Bartlett Esqr & Jas Hovey, Assessors.

Barnabas Hedge Jeremiah Howes and Benjamin Cornish, Constables.

A motion being made by Mr. Barnabas Hedge To ye Town desireing they would accept of Benja Bartlett in Lieu of him as Constable. Voted in ye affirmative; also voted That ye Constables should be Collectors and to be allowed six pence on ye Pound, as was allowed ye Last year for Collecting ye money, they giveing Bonds to save the Town Harmless as Usuall.

Deacon Thomas Foster Town Treasurer.

Thomas Holmes Haveland Torrey Joseph Warren Elkanah Churchell John Sturtevant Junr & Seth Swift, Surveyors of Highways.

Thomas Bartlett Nathl Donham Junr Nathl Bartlett John Nelson & Josiah Carver Junr, Tytheingmen.

Joshua Bramhall Eleazer Holmes Joseph Holmes Theophilus Cotton & Nathl Warren, Fence Viewers & Field Drivers.

Nathl Bartlett Consider Howland David Turner Joseph Morton Junr Ephraim Churchell Josiah Morton Junr Amaziah Churchell and Job Cobb Hogreeves.

Stephen Churchell John Harlow and David Turner, Surveyors of Lumber.

Thomas Spooner & Jonathan Barnes, Sealers of Leather.

Abraham Jackson & William Clark, Informers about ye Deer.

At sd Meeting The Town Voted to accept ye Report of the Committee Respecting the Petition of Thomas Jackson & Thomas Foster Praying the Town would sell them a piece of Land to Build a Warehouse on of Fifty foot in Length & Twenty in Breadth to the Northward of ye Lot of Isaac Lothrop Esqr at ye foot of Coles Hill. Sd Report is as Follows viz: We the subscribers being Appointed by The Town to view & consider whether it might be best to sell or hire the Land that Mr. Thomas Foster and Mr Thomas Jackson Petitioned for Have accordingly viewed the Land and are of the opinion that its Best to sell it, they paying the sum of Eighteen Pounds old Tenor for ye same, and Build a stone wall for the Preserving the Bank above, to [115.] the satisfaction of ye Town the Front to be bounded by the stakes that we ye subscribers shall set up.

Eleazer Churchell
Nathan Delano
Thos Doty
Thomas Spooner
Lazarus LeBaron

The Town Accepted This Report as Entered and Voted the sale of sd Land (as expressed) to them ye sd Thomas Foster & Thomas Jackson, Provided they shall & do sometime the next summer build ye stone wall as exprest and pay ye sum of Eighteen Pounds money old Tenr for ye use of ye Town.

Messrs Haviland Torrey and Benjamin Rider were Chosen ye Grand jurors for the year Ensuing.

At sd Meeting the votes for a County Treasurer was Inclosed and Sealed up by Jonathan Diman, Constable.

Gershom Holmes was chosen Saxton & Bellman for ye year Ensuing for ye Town. And the Town Voted to allow him Ten pounds old Tenor for ye year.

At sd meeting Thomas Spooner Nehemiah Ripley Jona Eames James Hovey & Silas West were chosen a Committee to Execute the Town Act Made March ye 12th 1732–3 (Page 66) Relating to ye Ale Wives, and allowed & approved of by the Court of Sessions, Voted to allow ye Assessors for makeing Rates in 1746 but Eight Shillings per day old Tenor.

Then a vote was Called to know ye Town's mind if they would choose a Committee to take care & Build a school House on ye Training Green forthwith. Voted In ye Negative.

Then a vote was Called If ye Town would have this Meeting adjourned. Voted in ye Negative.

A vote then Called to know if ye Town should Choose Deacon Foster to Build ye school House on ye Training Green. Voted in ye Negative.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 18th day of May Anno Dom 1747. At sd meeting Charles Dyre John Faunce Jacob Taylor and Robert Bartlett were chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for ye next Inferiour Court to be holden at Plymo on ye 3rd Tuesday of May currant.

At sd Meeting Deacon Thomas Foster was chosen Representative for ye Ensuing year. At sd meeting Doctor Lazarus LeBaron Chosen Moderator. As for the fixing The House for ye 2nd school the Town Voted that sd School House shall be set up to ye Southward of Lemuel Barnes's House and Chose Messrs Stephen Churchell Haviland Torrey and Lemuel Barnes a Committee to view & Determine ye spot where ye sd House shall be set up.

At sd Meeting the Town Chose Messrs Isaac Lothrop Esqr John Watson & Thomas Foster to be a Committee to View & vallue a spot of Land Petitioned for by Capt Richard [**116.**] Waite to Erect a barn on; and to make Report to ye Town at this meeting.

The Committees Report being Read the Town accepted the same, and voted that when sd Waite do pay to the Town Treasurer, for ye use of the Town the sum of Ten Pounds

money old Tenor then sd Report to be Recorded in the Town Book. At sd meeting the Town Voted to allow the Assessors twelve shillings per day each, and seven shillings per day for their horses (all in old Tenor) for their takeing the valuation of ye Estates in sd Town the Last year; and also for expences thirty seven shillings & two pence old Tenor.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held at ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 13th day of July A Dom: 1747.

At sd meeting Messrs Stephen Churchell & John Watson was chosen to serve on ye Grand Jury for ye next Superiour Court, and David Turner Thomas Doty Ansell Lothrop Consider Howland & Nathl Bartlett were chosen to serve on ye jury of Tryalls at sd Court.

At a Town Meeting assembled and Held In the Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 14th of September 1747.

At sd meeting Ephraim Churchell & Nathaniel Shurtleff was chosen to serve on ye Petit Jurey at The next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas &c To Be Holden at Plymo on the Third Tuesday of Septr Currant.

At sd Meeting the Town Voted to raise the sum of one Hundred sixty eight Pounds fifteen shillings new Tenor to Defray ye necessary charges of the Town this Present year.

At sd Meeting The Town Voted To allow Mrs Rebeckah Wethrell seven Pounds sixteen shillings old Tenor for Bording Mr. Ward ye school master for one year Last, more then twenty seven shillings per week that was allowd Her Before.

At sd Meeting then a vote was Called to know if the Town would allow Mrs. Rebeckah Wethrell anything for Her cost & Charge Respecting Bathsha Sachamus an Indian woman who lay sick and Dyed at Her House.

Voted In ye Negative.

We the Subscribers Persuant to ye Vote of The Town Chosen as Committee To view and value a spot of Land Petitioned for By Capt Richard Waite to erect a barn on: accordingly We Have viewed The same and Have Measured off twenty one feet square, on the Hill above where Capt Waite now Dwells and He is To Leave a Way of 36 feet wide from Isaac Lothrop Esqrs Garden Fence to sd Barn; & we value the sd Peice of Land at Ten Pounds (old Tenor).

Plymouth, May 18, 1747.

Plymouth October ye 7th 1747. Recd of Capt Richard Waite Ten Pounds old Tenor In full for a certain Lott of Land Laid out to sd Wate for a Barn Lott and sd Lott with ye quantity of Land it contains & the Place where it Lyes and the Time when it was Laid out and Granted to sd Waite is to be seen in Plymouth Town Records.

Thomas Foster,
Town Treasurer.

[**117**] At a Town Meeting assembled and Held at ye Court House on Monday ye 7th day of Decr A D 1747.

At sd Meeting Theophilus Cotton Nathl Donham Junr Saml Cornish & John Sturtevant Junr were Chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury at ye next Inferr Court of Common Pleas &c, on ye 3d Tuesday of Decr Currant, To Be then Holden at Plymo.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held at ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 22d day of Febry A. D. 1747.

At sd Meeting Messrs Thomas Bartlett and John Torrey were chosen Grand jurors for ye year Ensuing. And Eleazer Holmes John Holmes William Ellis & Josiah Morton 3d chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for ye next Inferr Court of Common Pleas &c to be holden at Plymo, on ye first Tuesday of March next.

At a Town Meeting assembled & Held at ye Court House In Plymo on Monday ye 7th Day of March A. D: 1748.

At sd Meeting Docter Lazarus LeBaron was chosen Moderator.

At sd Meeting Samuel Bartlett Esqr chosen Town Clerk.

At sd Meeting Messrs Josiah Morton James Hovey & Thomas Mayhew were chosen Assessors.

At sd Meeting Ephraim Churchell John Atwood Junr & John May Junr were chosen Constables.

Voted also that the Constables should be Collectors and To Be allowd Six Pence on the Pound as was allowd the Last year For Collecting the money, they giveing Bonds to save the Town Harmless as Usuall Heretofore.

At sd Meeting Deacon Thomas Foster Chosen Town Treasurer.

At sd Meeting Job Cobb Silvanus Bramhall John Blackmer Lemuell Morton Elisha Doten & William Elles Junr chosen surveyors of Highways.

At sd meeting Josiah Churchell Joshua Swift Jonathan

Eames Junr Jonathan Diman Thomas Harlow & Seth Swift Tythingmen.

At sd meeting Josiah Morton Junr James Clark Junr Nathaniel Foster & Elisha Cobb chosen Fence Viewers & field Drivers.

At sd meeting Charles Morton Lemuel Jackson George Holmes Jonathan Churchell Gershom Holmes Walter Rich Jonathan Harlow & Nathll Warren chosen Hogreaves.

Capt Churchell John Harlow & David Turner surveyors of Lumber.

Abraham Jackson & William Clark chosen Informers about the Dear Act.

At sd meeting Thomas Spooner & Jonathan Barnes chosen Sealers of Leather.

At sd meeting Gershom Holmes was chosen Saxton for the Town.

At sd meeting the Votes for County Treasurer was sealed up In Town Meeting by Benjamin Bartlett Constable.

Voted at sd meeting Capt Stephen Churchell Thomas Spooner Eleazer Holmes, Deacon Haviland Torrey & Deacon Thomas Foster Be a committee to view & value a Peace of Land petitioned for By Jacob Taylor To Build a Barn upon at the foot of Fort Hill near Capt Wates Lott and also a Committee To Take a view of the Beach or Causeway that Leads To the Swing* Bridge & To Consider what is most Proper to Be Done as To the same and to make Report Respecting the sd Barn Lott & Beach to the Town at the Next Town Meeting.

[118.] At a Town Meeting March 7th 1747 Held at Plymouth as on the other side continued.

At sd Meeting Messrs Haviland Torrey Lazarus Le:Baron Thomas Holmes John Watson & Joseph Bartlett were chosen Selectmen.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & Held In ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 4th day of April Anno Dom: 1748.

At sd Meeting Deacon Haviland Torrey was chosen Moderator.

At sd Meeting ye Town Voted to accept Benjamin Bartlett as Constable and Collector to serve in ye Room of Ephraim Churchell who was chosen, and also voted to ac-

* The Swing bridge crossed the mill pond above the Water Street bridge.

cept of sd Benjamin Bartlett to serve as Collector In ye Room of John Atwood Junr who was Chosen (all for ye year ensuing) he sd Benjamin Giveing Bonds to save ye Town Harmless as Usuall heretofore.

Then Voted to allow Saml Kempton Junr Five Pounds money old Tenor for Beatg ye Drum at seting ye Night Watches Ten Months In ye year 1746. Messrs Timothy Burbanks John Harlow David Turner Nathl Foster & Nehemiah Ripley were chosen to take care of ye Herrings agreable to ye Act of ye Town—made A Dom: 1732–3.

At sd Meeting the Town Voted to accept the Committees Report Respecting the Piece of Land Jacob Taylor Petitioned for to set a Barn on.

Viz: Plymouth April 4th 1748. The Committee appointed by ye Town at ye Annuall Meeting in March Last; upon ye Request of Jacob Taylor Praying ye Town would sell him a piece of Land a Little to ye Northward of Capt Richard Waites Barn, have viewed ye same and Estimate ye value, and are of ye opinion that ye same be Granted to ye sd Taylor upon ye Knowl about 15 or 20 feet to ye Northward of sd Waites Lott; sd Land to be measured & staked out to sd Taylor 20 feet square; and Leaveing ye Road 30 feet wide Between sd Lot and ye Land of Isaac Lothrop Esqr, and that sd Taylor pay to ye Town Twelve Pounds old Tenor for ye same. All which is submitted.

Stephen Churchell—By Order.

Then ye Town made choice of Messrs James Hovey Benjamin Bartlett & David Turner to measure & stake out ye 20 feet of Land square to ye above named Jacob Taylor Agreable to ye Report abov sd.

At sd Meeting the Town Voted to accept ye Report of ye Committee (which is on file) Respecting ye Beach or Causway by ye Swing Bridge, and made choice of Messrs Stephen Churchell Thomas Foster & Haviland Torrey to view (and act agreeable to ye sd Report) in ye premises; and to make Report to ye Town at ye next Town Meeting as to ye affairs of Plymouth Beach as expressed in ye warrant Is & shall be continued, To ye next Town Meeting.

[**119**] Pursuant To a vote of ye Freeholders and others of ye Inhabitants of the Town of Plymo qualified as the Law Directs, at a Town Meeting Holden at Plymouth on ye fourth day of April A. D. 1748. We have bounded out unto Jacob Taylor a piece of Land Granted to him at ye sd

meeting near to ye Barne Lott of Richard Waite in sd Plymouth, and is twenty feet square; Bounded Beginning at a stake set into ye Ground thirty feet distant from Coll Lothrops Fence, and from thence rangeing Westerly twenty feet to another stake, and from thence Northerly twenty feet to another stake, and from thence Easterly to another stake which is distant from sd Coll Lothrops fence thirty feet; and from ye last mentioned stake twenty feet to ye Bound first mentioned.

James Hovey
Benjamin Bartlett
David Turner
Committee.

Plymo Aprill 5th 1748.

Recd Aprill ye 5th 1748 Of Mr. Jacob Taylor Twelve Pounds old Tenour being the sum the Town of Plymouth voted, said Taylor should Give to ye Town of Plymouth, for ye Premises above Described, I say Recd for ye use of ye Town of Plymouth.

Thomas Foster, Town Treasurer.

At a Town Meeting assembled & held In ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 9th Day of May A D 1748.

At sd meeting Edward Stephens Isaac Little Zephaniah Morton & Thomas Clark Chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for ye next Inferiour Court, to be holden at Plymo within & for sd County of Plymo, on ye 3d Tuesday of May Currant.

At sd meeting Thomas Foster Esqr was Chosen Representative for the Ensuing year.

And Doctr Lazarus LeBaron chosen Moderator. Then a vote was Called to Know ye Town's mind If they will act on that Paragraff In ye warrant, Relateing to ye sheeps going at Large. Voted In ye Negative.

Then ye Town Voted to allow Mrs. Sarah Little (Relict Widdow of ye Late Revd Mr Epm Little Deceased) the sum of twenty five pounds old Tenour, as an addition to ye fifteen Pounds formerly, annually to her allowed.

Then ye Town Voted To Repaire ye old wharfe adjoyning to the Northerly side of ye Bridge over ye Creek, and that Messrs Stephen Churchell Deacon Haviland Torrey & Thomas Foster Esqr take care that sd Piece of Wharfe be well Repaired, and bring in their accots of ye charges, To ye Town at ye next Town Meeting.

Also Voted that ye whole affairs Respecting ye Causway to ye No-ward of sd old piece of wharfe be continued to ye next Town Meeting.

Then a vote was called to Know if ye Town would now act upon ye affair of Plymouth Beach as mentioned In ye warrant.

Voted In ye affirmative.

And Proceeded viz: whereas many Persons Frequently Drive numbers of Neat Cattle, Horse Kind & sheep to feed upon ye Beach (yt formes Plymo Harbour) whereby Great damages, hath accrewed, as also, by Persons Takeing stones of sd Beach, great damage has been sustained, by all which ye sd Harbour Lys much Exposed. If not Timely Prevented there is Danger of ye sd Harbours being Ruined. For Remedy whereoff The Town voted That a Petition be prefered to ye Generall Court, for ye Purposes aforesd; and that Thomas Foster Esqr be agent for ye Town to Prefer sd Petition.

[**120**] Plymouth ye 25th of October 1705. Then Pursuant to a vote of ye Proprietors of ye Town of Plymouth, at their meeting, the sixty acres of Land was voted to Ebenezar Bonum whereof 42 acres was Laid out in a neck Between Sampsons pond and his other Land, and bounded as followeth viz: A White Oak Bush marked In ye Range of James Barnaby's Land, and from sd Bush to Extend west southwest about 48 pole to another white oak saplin marked, and from thence to Extend south southeast to Sampsons pond, and then bound on ye west side by sd pond till it comes to his 20 acre Lott and then bounded by ye sd Bonums 20 acre Lott and James Barnaby's, on ye East side till it comes to ye Bounds first mentioned.

Wm Shurtleff
Nathl Morton
Surveyors

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held at ye Court House In Plymo on Monday ye 20th of June A Dom 1748.

At sd meeting Messrs Saml Nelson & Thomas Spooner were chosen to serve on ye Grand jury at ye next Super Court of Judicature &c to be holden at Plymo within & for ye County of Plymouth on ye 2nd Tuesday of July next.

At sd Meeting Messrs Eleazar Churchell John Watson Barnabas Hedge Joseph Warren & Saml Bartlett Chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury of Tryalls for sd Court.

At a Town Meeting assembled and held at ye Court House in Plymo on Monday ye 22d day of August Anno Dom: 1748.

At sd Meeting Capt* John Watson chosen Moderator.

At sd Meeting the Town voted to Raise ye sum of Two Hundred and fifty Pounds money New Tenour to defray ye Necessary Charges of the Town the present year.

At a Town Meeting assembled and held in ye Court House In Plymouth on Friday ye 16th day of September Anno Dom: 1748.

At sd Meeting Timothy Burbank & Michael Burne were chosen to serve on ye Petitt Jury for Tryalls at ye Court of General Sessions of ye Peace and Infer Court of Common Pleas next to be holden at Plymouth on ye Third Tuesday of September Currant.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held in ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 3rd day of October A Dom: 1748. James Warren Esq was chosen Moderator. And ye Meeting was adjourned To Monday ye 10th of Oct Currant at Three of ye clock In ye afternoon.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held In ye Court House in Plymo on Monday ye 10th day of October A Dom: 1748, By Adjournment from the 3rd day of Oct Instant.

At sd Meeting a vote was called to know ye Towns Mind Whether They will Give Any Thing Towards the Building a New Court House In Plymouth more then their Proportion with the other Towns In ye County for Building sd House.

Voted In the affirmative.

† And Then voted to Give Towards ye sd Building Three

* John Watson was a great-great-grandson of Geo. Watson, who was in Plymouth as early as 1633, and married in 1635, Phebe, daughter of Robert Hicks of Plymouth. He was born in Plymouth in 1747, and married first in 1769, Lucia, daughter of Benjamin Marston of Manchester and second in 1796, Eunice, widow of Lazarus Goodwin and daughter of John Marston of Boston. He graduated at Harvard in 1766, and died in Plymouth, February 1, 1826. He was the last survivor of the Old Colony Club, the first Vice President of the Pilgrim Society and its President after the death of Joshua Thomas, from 1821 to 1825. Owing to the sickness of Judge Thomas he presided at the Forefathers Celebration in 1820, when Daniel Webster delivered the oration.

† The Court House here mentioned was the present Town House, which when built, was occupied jointly by the County and Town, until 1820, when at the completion of the Court House in Court Square, it was sold to the town.

Hundred Pounds old Tenor provided that ye sd Town shall have ye free use and Improvement of ye said Building as Long as it stands to Transact any of ye Public affairs of the Town in.

And Then ye Town voted That ye Selectmen of ye Town Should Sell ye Watch House on Coles Hill To ye best advantage for ye Town and that it shall be sold at a Public Vandue. [**121.**]

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held at ye Court House In Plymouth on Friday ye 16th day of December Anno Dom 1748. The sd Meeting was Adjourned to ye House of Saml Bartlett Esq to six of ye Clock* this afternoon (by Reason that But Two of ye Selectmen was Present.)

At which Adjournment Benjamin Cornish Elisha Holmes Jun Thomas Swift and Thomas Holmes Jun were chosen to serve on ye Petitt Jury for Tryalls at ye next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth on ye Third Tuesday of December Instant.

At a Town meeting Assembled and held at ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 27th day of February Anno Dom 1748-9.

At sd Meeting Messrs Samuel Bartlett & Nehemiah Ripley were chosen Grandjurors for the year Ensuing.

And Elkanah Churchell James Holmes Ezekiel Rider & Joseph Rider Jun chosen to serve on ye Petitt Jury for ye next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas &c To be holden at Plymouth on ye first Tuesday of March Next.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held In ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 6th Day of March Anno Domini 1748.

At sd Meeting Mr. John Watson was chosen Moderator. and for Reasons he gave in he declined Serving. And then ye Town proceeded to a new Choice and Deacon Haviland Torrey was chosen Moderator for ye Present Meeting.

At sd Meeting Saml Bartlett Esq was chosen Town Clerk and sworn Before Edward Winslow Esq and Messrs Haviland Torrey Thomas Holmes Joseph Bartlett Lazs LeBarron and John Watson were chosen Selectmen.

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* It was necessary that a majority of the Selectmen should be present at town meetings.

And Messrs Josiah Morton James Hovey and Saml Bartlett Esq chosen Assessors.

Thomas Foster Esq chosen Town Treasurer.

The Town voted That ye highest in vote In ye south Precinct should be Constable for That part of ye Town the Ensuing year.

Also that ye Constables shall be Collectors for ye Ensuing year and shall be allowed six pence per pound for Collecting ye money, they Giving Bonds to save the Town Harmless as usual heretofore.

At said Meeting Messrs Thomas Mayhew Nathl Warren & John Sturtevant Jun were chosen Constables.

And sd Mayhew came into ye Town Meeting and Refused to serve as Constable; and the Town proceeded to choose another in his Room, and made Choice of Silvanus Bramhall (to serve in sd office) Constable.

At sd Meeting Messrs Joseph Warren Saml Bartlett Esq Solomon Silvester Deacon Joseph Bartlett & Saml Nichols Nelson were chosen Surveyors of highways.

And Lemuell Jackson Silas West Josiah Cotton Jun Thomas Cornish Jona Eames Jun and Lemuel Bartlett were chosen Tytheingmen.

And Joseph Warren Cornelius Holmes Nehemiah Ripley & Nathl Warren were chosen Fence Viewers & field Drivers.

And Michael Burne Silvanus Bartlett Ebenezer Bartlett Eleazer Churchell Jun Job Cobb Josiah Morton ye 3d Amaziah Churchell & Epm Cobb were chosen Hogreeves.

And Capt Stephen Churchell John Harlow and David Turner were chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

And Abraham Jackson & Benjamin Cornish were chosen to Inform about the Deer Act.

And Messrs Thomas Spooner & Melatiah Lothrop were chosen Sealers of Leather.

And Gersham Holmes was chosen Saxton and the Town voted to allow him five pounds new Tenor his Sallary for ye Ensuing year.

[**122.**] The Town Meeting Continued March ye 6th 1748–9.

At sd Meeting a vote was called to know the Towns mind If they would make any addition to the Three Hundred Pounds (old Tenor) already voted Towards The Building a New Court House. Voted In ye affirmative.

And Then voted That ye Town will add to their former vote for Building a Court House In Plymouth The Sum of Seven Hundred Pounds, old Tenor and that one half of said sum be Levyed on ye Poles & Estates within the Town this year 1749 and the other half the next year after and that ye whole sum be paid in to ye County Treasury, Provided That ye Court of General Sessions for this County at ye next Sessions shall order that ye sd Court House shall immediately be Built and That ye Town have the Priviledge of Transacting their Public affaires In ye same so long as the sd House shall stand.

Voted That Isaac Lothrop Thomas Foster & Saml Bartlett Esq Present This vote To ye next Court of General Sessions of ye Peace to be holden at Plymouth &c.

At sd Meeting The Town made choice of Jeremiah Howes Thomas Bartlett and Elisha Doten to take Care of ye Town Beach agreable to ye Late act of the General Court for ye Preservation of sd Beach.

And Then ye Town Meeting was adjourned to Monday ye 27th day of this Instant March at Two of ye Clock In the afternoon.

At a Town Meeting Held in the Court House in Plymouth by adjournment from the 6th of March A D 1748 to the 27th Day of March A D 1749.

James Hovey was chosen Clerk for the Day in the Room of Saml Bartlett Esq who is absent & was Sworn before Jno Murdock Esq.

Saml Bartlett Esq who was chosen an Assessor for the year A D 1749 Refused to accept the sd Trust.

Then the Town chose Mr Thomas Mayhew an Assessor for the sd year in the Room of said Samuel Bartlett Esq.

At the Request of Nathl Warren who stands chosen to serve the Town as a Constable & Collector for the year 1749 that Joseph Morton Jun might be accepted to serve the Town in his Room in the said office of Constable & Collector voated to accept the said Joseph in the said offices in the Room of said Nathl and that he have the Premium for Collecting the Taxes which the sd Nathl was to have and upon the same Conditions.

Voated that Messrs Thos Spooner Timo Burbank Joshua Bramhall Nehemiah Ripley & Silvanus Bartlett Take Care that the Several acts & Laws now in force about Alewives be Duely observed & kept.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and Held at ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 8th day of May Anno Dom: 1749.

At sd Meeting John Bartlett William Clark Thomas Rogers & Nathl Morton were chosen to serve on ye Petitt Jury for ye next Infer Court of Common Pleas &c to be holden at Plymouth on ye Third Tuesday of This Instant May.

At sd Meeting Thomas Foster Esq was chosen Representative for the Ensuing year.

[**123.**] At a Town Meeting Regularly assembled and held (at the Meeting House of the first Precinct in Plymo) by the Inhabitants of the said Town qualified as ye Law Directs—June 29 1749.

James Hovey was chosen Clerk for the Day & sworn to the faithfull Discharge of sd office before John Murdock Esq.

Dea Haviland Torrey was chosen Moderator.

Capt Stephen Churchell Dea Haviland Torrey Mr. Thomas Holmes & Mr. Thos Spooner was chosen Grand-jurors to serve at the Court of assise &c to be Holden at Plimouth on the Second Tuesday of July A D 1749.

Capt Josiah Morton Leut Joseph Bartlett Dea Josiah Carver Mr George Watson & Mr Benj Rider was appointed agreable to Law to serve on ye Jury of Tryalls at the said Court and at the Superiour Court of Judicature to be held at sd Plimo on said Second Tuesday of July.

Attest: Jas Hovey, Clerk.

At a Town Meeting Regularly Assembled & held (In ye Meeting House of the First Precinct In Plymo) By the Inhabitants of ye sd Town qualified as the Law Directs. On Monday ye 21st of Aug A D: 1749.

At sd Meeting Doctr Lazarus Le Barron was chosen Moderator.

At sd Meeting the Town voted to Raise One Hundred Sixty Two pounds Ten shillings money new Tenor to Defray ye Currant charges of ye present year, which sd sum Includes what is supposed needful to Raise for ye poor; for this year; also for ye use of Mrs. Sarah Little.

At a Town Meeting assembled & held in ye Meeting House in Plymo on Monday ye 11th day of September Anno Dom: 1749. Frances Adams & John Atwood Junr was appointed to Serve on ye Jury of Trialls at ye next

Infer Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth on ye Third Tuesday of September Currant.

At a Town Meeting assembled & held at ye Meeting House In Plymouth on Monday ye 18th day of December A Dom: 1749. Jonathan Darling Lemuell Barnes Zephaniah Holmes and Charles Rider was appointed to serve on ye Jury of Tryalls at ye next Infer Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth on ye Third Tuesday of December Currant.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held In the Meeting House of ye first Precinct in Plymouth on Monday ye 12th day of February 1749.

Deacon Haviland Torrey was chosen Moderator.

*At sd Meeting was Laid before the Town a List prepared by ye Selectmen of the persons suitable to serve as Jurors at ye Superiour and Inferiour Courts out of which List was Selected 45 to Serve as Jurors at ye Supr Court viz:

Deacon John Atwood	John Harlow
Capt John Watson	Elisha Doten
George Watson	Samuel Donham
Capt Josiah Morton	Saml Bartlett Senr
Deacon Haviland Torrey	Joseph Morton
Thomas Holmes	Eleazer Holmes
Joshua Bramhall	Thomas Jackson
Deacon Saml Nelson	Joseph Warren
Joseph Bartlett	Nathan Delano
Capt Stephen Churchell	Thomas Doty
John Faunce	Thomas Spooner

* The last Act of the Provincial General Court relating to the choice of Jurors, was passed at the Session begun March 19th, 1760, and its first section provided "That the Selectmen of each town within the province shall within their respective towns, some time before the tenth day of April next, take a list of the persons liable by law, and which they shall judge able and well qualified, to serve on the petit Juries, and lay the same before the town, at a meeting in May next, to be called for that purpose; and the towns shall respectively, at such meeting, select out of the list, one quarter of the numbers so laid before them, such as they judge most suitable to serve as Jurors at the Superiour Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and general goal delivery, and put their names, written on separate pieces of paper in one box; and the remainder of such of them as the town shall think suitable, in the same manner, into another box, to serve as Jurors in the Inferiour court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to be provided by the Selectmen for that purpose, and deliver the same to the Town Clerk, to be by him kept under lock and key."

Barnabas Hedge
Ephraim Cobb
Solomon Silvester
Benjamin Rider
Elisha Holmes Junr
Joseph Bartlett Junr
John Blackmer
Nathl Bartlett
Ansell Lothrop
James Warren Junr
David Turner
Jonathan Diman
Nehemiah Ripley
Benjamin Bartlett
John Finney
Francis Adams
Elkanah Morton
John Torrey
John Atwood Junr
Perez Tilson
Ebenezar Spooner
Silvanus Bartlett

[**124.**] At a Town Meeting assembled and Held at ye Meeting House In the First Precinct In the Town of Plymouth (for ye choice of Jurors) on Monday ye 26th day of February Anno Domini 1749. Messrs John Harlow and Nathl Shurtleff were chosen Grandjurors for the year Ensuing.

And Messrs Joseph King Isaac Doten Eleazer Holmes Junr & William Ellis Junr were chosen to serve on ye Petitt Jury for ye next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas &c to be holden at Plymouth the first Tuesday of March next.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held at ye Meeting House In ye first Precinct of the Town Plymouth on Monday ye 5th day of March A Dom: 1749. Thomas Foster Esqr was chosen Moderator.

Saml Bartlett Esq was chosen Town Clerk and sworn Before Thomas Foster Esqr.

Messrs Haviland Torrey Thomas Holmes Lazarus LeBaron John Watson and Joseph Bartlett was chosen Selectmen.

Messrs Josiah Morton James Hovey & Thomas Mayhew chosen Assessors.

At sd Meeting the Town voted That ye Constables should be Collectors for ye year ensueing, and to allow them ye usuall premium of six pence on ye pound for Collecting ye taxes, they Giveing bonds to save ye Town Harmless as usual heretofore.

Thomas Foster Esqr was chosen Town Treasurer.

Jonathan Bartlett Stephen Churchell Junr and Lemuell Jackson was chosen Constables.

Then ye Town voted to choose six surveyors of ye highways & to choose them by nomination and Messrs Josiah Morton Timothy Burbank Cornelius Holmes Josiah

Churchell James Clark Junr & Eleazer Ellis were chosen Surveyors of the highways.

Jonathan Eames Junr Thomas Cornish John Finney Nathl Torrey Eleazer Churchell Junr & Joseph Rider Junr chosen Titheingmen.

Deacon Haviland Torrey Joseph Bartlett Thomas Holmes and Joseph Morton were chosen fence viewers & field Drivers.

Caleb Shareman John May Nathl Warren Saml Clarke Ebenezer Churchell & John Atwood Junr chosen Hogreeves.

Messrs Stephen Churchell John Harlow & David Turner was Surveyors of Lumber.

Abraham Jackson and Benjamin Cornish was chosen Informers Respecting ye Deer Act.

Thomas Spooner & Melatiah Lothrop chosen Sealers of Leather.

Gershom Holmes chosen Saxton.

Jeremiah Howes Lemuell Morton and Elisha Doten to take ye care of Plymouth Town Beach for ye year Ensuing Agreable to ye Late Act of ye Provence Relateing to ye sd Beach.

Ebenezer Spooner Michael Burne Timothy Burbank Nathl Foster and Stephen Churchell Junr was chosen a Committee to take care of ye Herrings, Agreable to the Laws in force Respecting ye same.

Stephen Churchell Junr came into ye Meeting and desired ye Town to accept of Timothy Burbank to serve in his Room as Constable (sd Burbank being Present and Manifested his willingness to serve.)

The Town voted to accept sd Burbank as abovsd.

The Town voted before ye chose ye Constables that ye highest in ye votes for Constables in Monument Ponds Precinct shall be Constable for ye Ensuing year.

[**125.**] At his Majesty's Court of General Sessions of the Peace Began and held at Plymouth within and for sd County on the First Tuesday of March Being ye Seventh day of sd month, Anno Dom: 1748.

At sd Court Isaac Lothrop Saml Bartlett & Thomas Foster Esqrs Presented a vote of Town of Plymouth to sd Court which is in the words following, viz:

At a Meeting Assembled & held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 6th of March A Dom 1748.

At sd Meeting a vote was called to know the Towns mind

if they would make any addition to ye Three Hundred Pounds (old Tenor) already voted Towards the Building a new Court House.

Voted In the affirmative for buildg a Court House in sd Plymo. And then voted That the Town will add to their former vote the sum of Seven Hundred pounds old Tenor, and That one half sd sum be Levied on the Poles & Estates within ye Town the year 1749, And the other half the next year after, and that ye whole sum be paid in to ye County Treasury Provided that ye Court of General Sessions for this County at ye next Session shall order that ye sd Court House shall Immediately be Built and that ye Town have the Priviledge of Transacting their Public affairs in the same, so long as ye sd House Shall Stand.

At said Court voted to accept of the sd additional Grant of Seven Hundred pounds old Tenor of the Town of Plymouth towards the Building of a Court House.

A True Copy from the Minute Book,

Attest: Edward Winslow, Clerk.

At a Town Meeting warned to be assembled and held at ye Court House in Plymo on Monday ye 7th day of May A Dom: 1750 for ye Choice of four Jurors to serve on ye Petitt Jury for Tryalls at ye Inferiour Court of Common Pleas &c to be holden at Plymo within & for ye County of Plymo—on ye Third Tuesday of this Instant May—The Major part of ye Selectmen not being present at This meeting; sd Meeting is adjourned to Tomorrow ye 8th of May at 5 of ye Clock in ye afternoon.

At a Town Meeting held at ye Court House In Plymouth May the 8th 1750 By adjournment from ye 7th Instant Elias Trask Thomas Torrey Job Morton and John Harlow Jun were chosen to serve on ye Petitt Jury for Tryalls at ye next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymo on ye 3rd Tuesday of this Inst May.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held at ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday 14th day of May Anno Dom: 1750.

At sd Meeting Thomas Foster Esq was chosen Assemblyman To Represent The Town at the Great & General Court or Assembly appointed to be held at Boston &c.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held at the Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 18th day of June Anno Dom: 1750. Messrs Joshua Bramhall Thomas Spooner

John Torrey & Jonathan Diman were chosen to serve on ye Grand Jury at the next Superr Court of Judicature &c to be holden at Plymouth on ye Second Tuesday of July next. And Saml Nelson Elisha Doten Joseph Warren Elisha Holmes Junr & Benjamin Bartlett were chosen to serve on ye Petitt Jury of Tryalls for sd Court.

At a Town Meeting assembled and held at the Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 6th day of August Anno Domini 1750.

At sd Meeting Doctr Lazarus LeBaron was chosen Moderator.

At sd Meeting The Town voted that ye Grammer School shall be continued & kept in the Center of the Town, where it now is,for ye Term of Seven years from this date, and that Messrs John Watson Lazarus LeBaron & Thos Foster Esq Be a Committee to supply ye sd school with a suitable School Master from time to time for ye sd seven years. Then a vote was Called to know ye Towns mind if they will have a second school set up and Continued in ye Southerly part of the Town, To be under such Regulations as the [**126.**] Town shall think proper & shall order at the time This meeting shall be adjourned to.

Voted In ye Affirmative. And then voted That Deacon Joseph Bartlett Deacon Elisha Holmes Joseph Warren Capt Josiah Morton & Eleazer Holmes to be a Committee to Consult the most proper methods for the Regulation of ye sd Second School and make Report to ye Town at the time this meeting shall be adjourned to as aforsd.

At sd Meeting the Town voted That ye sum of four pounds Lawfull money be allowed & paid to or for ye use of Mrs. Sarah Little widdow of ye Rev Mr. Epm Little Deceased in Consideration that what has been heretofore annually given her by the Town was not sufficient for her support. Then the Town voted that ye sum of Eight pounds Lawfull money be allowed to Mrs. Sarah Little abovenamed for and towards her support and maintainance for the present year.

Then voted That Deacon John Atwood Deacon Joseph Bartlett and Mr. George Watson be a Committee to Examine the Town Treasurers accts. and to make Report at ye next Town Meeting.

Then a vote was called to know ye Towns mind if they would Rail ye Southerly side of the Road from Ebenezer

Spooners to or against Nehemiah Ripleys as mentioned in the warrant; voted that it should be done.

And then voted That John Torrey Nathl Shurtleff and Joseph Morton Junr shall procure the said worke done viz: Suitably to Rail sd piece of Way, and the Charge and Cost to be paid by the Town.

Then the Town voted to Raise the sum of Eighty five pounds to defray the necessary Charges of the Currant year.

And also voted that ye assessors in making the Tax shall not Exceed the sum of five pounds as Surplusage, viz over & above the proper sums Raised to be taxed for.

And then this Meeting by vote was adjourned to ye first Monday in October next at Two of ye Clock in the afternoon.

At a Town Meeting assembled & held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Tuesday ye 11th day of September Anno Domini 1750.

At sd Meeting Cornelius Holmes & Edward Stephens Junr were chosen to serve on ye petitt jury for Tryalls at ye next Superior Court of Common Pleas &c to be holden at Plymouth on ye 3rd Tuesday of this Instant Sept.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held at ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 10th day of December Anno Domini 1750.

At sd Meeting Ebenezer Holmes Junr Ezra Allen Silvanus Bramhall & Job Cobb were chosen to serve on ye Petitt Jury for Tryalls at ye next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas &c to be holden at Plymouth, on the 3rd Tuesday of this Instant December.

At a Town Meeting assembled & held at ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 25th day of February Anno Domini 1750 Eleazer Holmes & John Harlow Junr were chosen Grandjurors for the year Ensuing.

And Thomas Clark Israel Clark Solomon Atwood & Thomas Morton chosen to serve on ye Petitt Jury for ye next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas &c to be holden at Plymouth on ye first Tuesday of March next.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held at ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday the 4th day of March Anno Dom: 1750. Doctr Lazarus LeBaron was chosen Moderator.

The weather being (by reason of a snow storm) difficult

for ye Inhabitants Remote to attend a vote was Called to know if the Town would adjourn the Meeting to Monday ye 11th day of March Currant at Ten of ye Clock In ye forenoon, which passed in ye affirmative; and accordingly this meetg is adjourned to sd 11th day of March as abovsd (This being a thin meeting.)

[127.] At a Town Meeting Assembled and Held at the Court House In Plymo on Monday the 11th day of March Anno Domini 1750, By adjournment from Monday ye 4th of March Instant.

At sd Meeting Samul Bartlett Esqr was chosen Town Clerk and sworn Before Thomas Foster Esq.

And Messrs Thomas Holmes Lazarus LeBaron John Watson Joseph Bartlett & John Torrey were chosen Selectmen.

And Messrs Josiah Morton James Hovey & Thomas Mayhew chosen Assessors.

Thomas Foster Esq chosen Town Treasurer.

Then the Town voted that ye highest in vote In the Second Precinct In voteing for Constables should be ye Constable In that part of ye Town.

Francis Adams James Holmes & Josiah Morton Junr were chosen Constables, also voted that they shall be allowed six pence upon ye pound for ye Town money that they shall Collect they giveing bonds to ye Town Treasurer to Endemnify & save the town harmless from any Loss or charges that may arise by vertue of their neglect or deficiency.

At sd Meeting Messrs Theophilus Cotton Jonathan Diman Lemuell Barnes John Finney John May & William Ellis were chosen Surveyors of the highways.

Capt Francis Adams made a desire to the Town that they would accept of Josiah Carver to serve as Constable in his Room & accordingly the Town voted to accept of sd Josiah Carver to serve as Constable in the Room of sd Adams. Then John Finney Lemuell Bartlett Nathl Warren Thomas Clark Josiah Churchell Daniel Diman & Jonathan Eames Junr were chosen Titheingmen, and the Town voted to Excuse John Finney from serveing as Titheingman The year Ensuing.

Cornelius Holmes Thomas Jackson Lemuell Morton & Thos Cornish were chosen Fence Viewers & field Drivers.

And Ebenezer Spooner William Torrey Ephraim

Holmes John Carver John Sturtevant Junr Thomas Bartlett & Jobb Cobb were chosen Hogreeves.

And John Harlow Job Morton & Silvanus Bartlett chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

And Abraham Jackson & Benjamin Cornish were chosen Informers Respecting ye Deer Act.

And Thomas Spooner & Melatiah Lothrop chosen Sealers of Leather.

And Elisha Doten Jeremiah Howes & Lemuell Morton chosen to take care of ye Beach (agreable to ye act of ye Provence.)

And Ebenezer Spooner Nathl Foster Timothy Burbank & Stephen Churchell chosen a Comitte to take care of ye Herring Brook; agreable to ye Town Act.

Then the Town voted That Capt Josiah Morton Deacon Joseph Bartlett Deacon Elisha Holmes Joseph Warren & Eleazer Holmes the Comitte Chosen ye 6th of August Last shall be a Committe to Consult the most proper methods, for the Regulation of ye Second School in Plymouth they to make Report to ye Town at ye Time this meeting shall be adjourned to.

Then this Meeting was Adjourned to Monday The Twenty fifth day of this Instant March at two of ye Clock in ye afternoon.

N. B. at ye abovsd Meeting The Town gave in their votes for a County Register which votes was sealed up in ye Meeting by Timothy Burbank Constable.

And also Voted for a County Treasurer wch votes were also seald up in the Meeting by Josiah Morton Junr Constable.

[128] At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Plimouth at the Court House in said Plimouth on Monday the 25th of March A D 1751, by adjournment from the 11th of March Instant.

James Hovey was Chosen Clerk for sd meeting (Saml Bartlett Esq the Town Clerk being absent) and had the oaths by Law Required administered to him by Jno Murdock Esq.

James Holmes was sworn into the office of a Constable for sd Town for ye year 1751 By the sd Jno Murdock Esq.

Jeremiah Howes was chosen a surveyor of Highways for the year ensuing in the Room of Mr Leml Barnes now Deceasd.

The Committee appointed by the Town on the 11th Instant to Consult the most proper methods for the Regulation of the Second school in Plimouth now Reported as follows viz:

The Comtee Chosen at a Town Meeting held at Plimouth the 4th day of March 1750 to Consider where the Reading & Writeing School or the second school should be kept in the southward part of the Town, and to make Reports at the adjournment of the said meeting haveing mett and considered thereof are of oppinion that it will be most Eaquall that three month and one halfe should be at Monument Ponds and three and halfe months at Eele River, and five months at Hobbs Hole in Each twelve months in the year, the school shall be Continued; and whereas some seasons of the year will suit Each part much the Best we are of oppinion that the Committee the Town shall choose to suply the said school with a schoolmaster have Regard thereunto, and suit each part of the Town accordingly. Signd Josiah Morton Eleazer Holmes Joseph Warren Elisha Holmes Joseph Bartlett Junr.

Then the Town voated to accept the said Reporte and also Chose Capt Josiah Morton Dea Joseph Bartlett & Mr Nathl Bartlett a Committee to provide a schoolmaster for the said second school and to Regulate the said school according to the above Reporte, and that their Power should Continue for the Term of Twelve months from and after their Provideing a schoolmaster for said school and no Longer.

Attest Jas Hovey Cler of sd Meeting

At A Town Meeting Assembled and held In the Court House In Plymouth on Monday the 13th day of May Anno Domini 1751 for the Choice of a Representative.

At sd Meeting a Vote was Called to Know the Towns mind if they would send no Representative this year; voted in the Negative. And then the Vote was Called if they would send two Representatives. Voted in the Negative.

Then the Town proceeded and Brot in their votes for one Assemblyman and Edward Winslow Esqr was Chosen to Represent ye Town At ye Great and Generall Court or assembly appointed to be held at Boston on the Last Wednesday of May Currant.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held at ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 13th of May 1751 For ye

Choice of Petit Jurors. And John Kempton Lemuel Morton Benjamin Rider Junr and James Clark ye third were Chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryalls At ye Inferiour Court of Common Pleas next to be holden at Plymouth within & for ye County of Plymouth on ve Third Tuesday of May Currant.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held at the Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 24th day of June A Dom: 1751 for ye Choice of Jury men for ye next Supr Court; The Major part of ye Selectmen not being present. This meeting is adjourned to Wednesday ye 26th day of this Instant June at Three of the Clock in the afternoon.

[**129**] At A Town Meeting Assembled and held In ye Court House in Plymo on Wednesday ye 26th day of June. By Adjournment from Monday ye 24th of June Instant.

Messrs Joshua Bramhall Thomas Spooner Benjamin Bartlett & Jona Diman were chosen to serve on ye Grand Jury at ye next Supr Court of Judicature &c to be holden at Plymouth on ye second Tuesday of July next.

And Thomas Doty John Torrey David Turner Nehemiah Ripley & Perez Tilson were Chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryalls at sd Court.

We the Subscribers two of the Fence Viewers of the Town of Plymouth In the County of Plymouth; haveing been Complained to By James Hovey of sd Plymouth Gent. That he and Samuell Clark of sd Plymouth have Gardens in sd Town Contiguous, and that ye sd Samuel & he ye sd James ought to make and maintain a partition fence between ye sd Gardens in Equal halves; but the sd Samuel neglects & Refuses to make the same fence, or any part thereof, and also that it is controverted between them which part of sd fence shall be made and maintained by the sd James and which by the sd Samuel; and we haveing been upon & viewed the Premises, do find the Line between the sd Gardens to be nine Rodds and nine Links Long, and that ye Easterly half of the sd fence being four Rods & seventeen Links in Length from the corner of Sarah Swifts Garden to a stake in the Line between sd Clark and Hovey's Garden, shall be made up and maintained by the said James and the Remaining part of sd fence in sd Land shall be made and maintained by the said Samuel. Witness our hands June 28th 1751.

Cornelius Holmes
Thomas Jackson

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held at ye Court House in Plymo on Monday the fifth day of August Anno Domini 1751.

At sd Meeting Thomas Foster Esq was Chosen Moderator.

At sd Meeting The Town Voted to Raise the sum of one Hundred and sixty pounds Lawfull money to defray ye necessary charges of the currant year.

And also voted that the assessors in makeing the Rate shall not exceed the sum of five pounds as Surplusage, viz over & above ye proper sums raised to be taxed for.

Memo the sum of Eight pounds for Mrs. Sarah Littles maintainance or allowance the present year is Included in ye above sum of 160-0-0.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 9th day of September A Dom: 1751 for ye Choice of Jurors Josiah Rider & Abner Holmes were chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Trialls at ye Inferiour Court of Common Pleas next to be holden at Plymouth within & for ye County of Plymouth on ye third Tuesday of Septr Currant.

At A Town Meeting Assembled and held at ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday the second day of December Anno Dom: 1751 for ye Choice of Jurors Gideon White Elkanah Churchill Thomas Sears and Lemuell Holmes were chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryalls at ye next Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace and at ye next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth on ye third Tuesday of Decr Currant.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held at ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 27th day of February A D 1752 for ye Choice of Jurors. Abraham Jackson Thomas Davee Jonathan Eames Junr and Jonathan Churchell were Chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryalls at ye next Court of Generall sessions of the Peace; And at ye next Inferr Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth The first Tuesday of March Next.

And Benjamin Rider & Benjamin Bartlett were chosen Grandjurors for the year Ensuing.

[**130.**] At A Town Meeting Assembled and held In ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday the second day of March Anno Dom: 1752.

At sd Meeting Doctr Lazarus LeBaron was chosen Mod-

erator. And Saml Bartlett Esqr Chosen Town Clerk and sworn by Thomas Foster Esqr. Messrs Thomas Holmes James Warren Esqr Josiah Morton Lazarus LeBaron & John Torrey were chosen Selectmen, sd James Warren Esqr not being present The Town sent Josiah Morton Junr Constable to Coll: Warren to acquaint him that he was chosen a selectman who Returned and Informed the Town thatt Coll: Warren said that he should not serve. Then ye Town proceeded and made Choice of Capt John Watson to be a Selectman.

And Messrs James Hovey Nathl Bartlett & Perez Tilson were Chosen Assessors.

Thomas Foster Esqr Chosen Town Treasurer.

Messrs. Gideon White Thomas Cornish & Elka Churchell Chosen Constables.

And voted that the Constables shall have six pence on ye pound for their collecting the Publick Taxes and on ye same conditions as voted respecting the Constables allowance the Last year.

And Lemuel Jackson Benjamin Barnes John Harlow Thos Bartlett Thos Clark and Thomas Swift Chosen Surveyors of ye highways.

And Joseph Rider Junr Ebenezer Donham Jonathan Eames Junr Seth Swift & Nathl Warren chosen Titheingmen.

And James Holmes Jeremiah Howes Ephraim Cobb and Job Cobb Chosen Fence Viewers & field Drivers, and Stephen Samson Thomas Torrey Job Morton Josiah Rider and Josiah Torrey John Harlow Junr Josiah Morton the 3d and Thomas Bumpass Chosen Hogreeves.

And John Harlow Job Morton & Silvanus Bartlett were chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

And Abraham Jackson & Benjamin Cornish Chosen to take care of the Deer Act.

Ebenezer Spooner & Joseph Morton Junr Sealers of Leather.

Elisha Doten Jeremiah Howes and Lemuell Morton to Take Care of the Beach Agreable to ye Law of ye Province Respectg ye same.

David Turner Chosen Measurer of Plank Timber & Boards.

And Joshua Bramhall Benjamin Bartlett Ebenezer Spooner & Silvanus Bartlett Chosen to take care of the Herring Brook.

Then the Town Voted as followeth viz the Town ordered & Directed the Treasurer to call in the money due To the Town on Bonds from any Person Whatsoever and Direct Him To settle The vallue of said Bonds according To the Rules In Such Case Pursued By The Executive Courts In The Province; And In Case any Person or Persons shall Refuse or Neglect To Pay of said Bonds accordingly or to Reduce Them to Lawfull Money According To The Aforsd Rules and Renew their Bonds, then the Treasurer Is ordered To Put The Bond or Bonds of such Persons In suit That the same may Be Recovered Accordingly.

Then ye Town Meeting was Adjourned To Monday ye 16th of March Currant.

At A Town Meeting Assembled and held In the Court House In Plymo on Monday the 16th of March A Dom: 1752, By adjournment from Monday ye 2nd of this Instant March.

Elkanah Churchell chosen on ye 2nd of March to serve as Constable Refuses to serve as Constable as declared in open meeting by his Brother Eleazer Churchell, he haveg heretofore served as Constable. Then a vote was Called to Know if the Town would choose a man to prosecute Elkanah Churchell for his sd Refusall. Voted in the Negative.

[**131.**] At sd Meeting The Town made Choice of Mr. *William Watson to serve as Constable, sd Watson declared his non acceptance & Refusall to serve in sd office, and also Refused to pay the fine by Law Required in that behalf. A vote was Called to Know ye Town's mind if they would Prosecute the sd Wm. Watson in the Law for his Refusall of serving as Constable. Voted in the affirmative.

And then Voted That Deacon Joseph Bartlett shall in ye Towns Behalf Prosecute the sd Wm. Watson for his Refuseing to serve as abovsd.

At sd meeting John Harlow Junr was Chosen Constable accepted & sworn by Thomas Foster Esqr.

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* William Watson was a great grandson of George Watson, who appeared in Plymouth in 1633. He was born in Plymouth, May 6th, 1730, and graduated at Harvard in 1751. He was appointed by the Provincial Congress the first Postmaster of Plymouth in 1775 and in 1782 was appointed by the General Court, Naval Officer for the Port of Plymouth. In 1789 he was appointed by Washington Collector of the Port and in 1790 Deputy Postmaster, acting as the Postmaster of Plymouth. He married in 1756 Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Marston of Manchester, and died April 22, 1815.

At sd meeting Capt Gideon* White declared his Refusall to serve as Constable and promised to pay the fine in that case by Law Required.

Then the Town proceeded to chuse Another Constable and made Choice of Jonathan Darling to serve as Constable for the present year, he accepted & was sworn By Thos Foster Esqr.

At sd Meeting The Town Voted That ye Selectmen procure a House viz to hire such a House as they may think most suitable (The Town to pay the hire or rent) to be Improved as a pest House In case it should be needed by any person that may have the smallpox in ye Town.

Then The Town Voted to Choose Firewards and made choice of Messrs Lazarus LeBaron Samuell Nelson James Hovey Joseph Bartlett Joseph Warren Eleazer Holmes and Nathl Goodwin to be firewards.

At sd meeting Isaac Thomas & John Churchell were chosen Tytheingmen. And Gershom Holmes Saxton.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held in the Court House In Plymo on Tuesday ye 31st day of March A Dom: 1752.

At sd Meeting Doctr Lazarus LeBaron was chosen Moderator.

At sd Meeting a vote was Called to Know the Towns mind If they would choose two Persons to be Selectmen that dwell in or near the Centre of the Town. Voted in the Affirmative.

And then ye Town made choice of Messrs Thomas Foster Esqr & James Hovey to be Selectmen for ye year Ensuing.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held In ye Court House In Plymo on Monday ye 4th of Mav Anno Domini 1752.

At sd meeting a vote Called to Know ye Towns mind if they would Choose two Persons to serve for and Represent them In a Great & Generall Court or assembly to be held at Concord on Wednesday ye 27th of May 1752. Voted In ye Negative. Then a vote was Called to Know if ye Town

* Gideon White was a descendant of Peregrine White, born on board the Mayflower. He was born in 1752 and married in 1787, Deborah, daughter of Miles Whitworth, a Surgeon in the British Army. He became a Captain in the British Army and afterwards settled in Shelburne, N. S., where he was a member of the Assembly and Judge of the Common Pleas Court. He died in 1833.

would choose one Representative. Voted in ye affirmative.

And then made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr to be their Representative. Mr. Foster offered his thanks to the Town for their Respects shown him in the choice; desiring ye Town to excuse him and Declined serving. Then ye Town proceeded and made choice of Edward *Winslow Esqr To serve and Represent them as abovsd. And the oath appointed to be taken In ye Act for Calling in ye Publick bills of credit, was Administered to him by Saml Bartlett Justice of ye Peace.

Then The Town made Choice of Doctr Lazarus LeBarron Moderator.

A vote was Called to Know ye Towns mind If they would Build a House suitable for a Hospital. Voted In the Negative.

Then a vote was Called to Know if the Town would build a House suitable for a Hospital provided a suitable place may be agreed upon to fix sd House on. passed also In the Negative.

At sd meeting John Waterman and John Rider were chosen to serve on the Petit Jury to serve at the Inferiour Court on ye 3d Tuesday of May Currant.

[**132.**] To the Selectmen of The Town of Plymouth, Gent. We the Subscribers Having Determined To Build a †Distill House; For the Carrying on the Distilling Buiseness within sd Town Do purpose to Erect the same over against ye House of Nathaniel Foster, Between the High Way and The Town Pond; & Westward of his Warehouse & if you Judge it a Place suitable & Convenient we Desire you with two Justices of the Peace For the County of Plymouth Would Be Pleased To approve & allow of the same agreeable to the Province Law In this case Provided. We are Gentelmen your Humble servants.

Nathaniel Foster
Jonathan Diman

Plymouth, Aprill 23d 1752.

We the Subscribers Having Considered the above Re-

* For an account of Edward Winslow see footnote on page 328 of volume two.

† The Distill House stood on the site now occupied by Gale's Block on Sandwich Street, near the foot of Spring Hill and was built by John Foster in 1711.

quest; and viewed The Proposed Place For Erecting the Distill House above mentioned, Do allow and approve of The same as a Place suitable & Convenient For that Purpose; Provided that It Be No Annoyance to the Alewives in their Passage up the Town Brook In Plymouth aforesd. Dated Plymouth May 4th 1752.

Josiah Morton
Thomas Holmes
Lazarus Lebaron
James Hovey
John Torrey
John Watson
Selectmen of ye Town of Plymouth.

We the Subscribers two of His Maj'sts Justices of The Peace For the County of Plymouth Do concurr with the Selectmen of the Town of Plymouth; In their approbation and allowance of the Above Place For a Distill House under the Provision above mentioned; wittness our Hands at Plymouth ye 4th of May 1752.

Thomas Foster
Samuel Bartlett

At A Town Meeting assembled and held In the Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 6th day of July A Dom 1752 for the Choice of Jurors.

The Major part of ye selectmen of sd Town not being present The Constable viz Thomas Cornish adjourned the sd meeting To Tuesday ye 7th day of July Instant at four a Clock in ye afternoon.

At A Town Meeting assembled & held In ye Court House in Plymo on Tuesday ye 7th day of July A Dom: 1752. By adjournment from July ye 6th Currant.

Messrs Thomas Holmes Barnabas Hedge David Turner & Nathl Torrey were chosen to serve on ye Grand jury at ye next Superior Court of Judicature &c to be holden at Plymouth for ye County of Plymo on ye 2nd Tuesday of this Instant July. And Messrs John Faunce Thomas Jackson Ebenezer Spooner Nathl Bartlett & Jonathan Diman were chosen to serve on ye Jury of Tryalls at sd Court.

[**133.**] At A Town Meeting Regularly Assembled & held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday the 17th day of Augst A D 1752 Doctor Lazarus LeBarron was Chosen Moderator.

At sd Meeting The Town voted to allow to & for ye use of Mrs. Sarah Little Relict widdow of the Revd Mr. Ephraim Little Late of Plymouth Deceased the sum of Eight Pounds Lawfull money For and Towards her support for the next year.

At sd Meeting The Town Voted to Raise the sum of one Hundred & thirty two pounds six shillings & eight pence Lawfull money to defray ye necessary charges of ye Currant year; which is Includeing the above Eight pounds Granted to Mrs. Sarah Little. Also voted that the Assessors in makeing the Taxes shall not exceed the sum of five pounds as surplusage. Respecting The Petition of Perez Tilson Requesting that ye Town would sell him fifteen or twenty feet of Land (in Breadth) adjoyning to the North side of the wharfe which he purchased of John Murdock Esqr. A vote was Called to Know if the Town would dispose of any of the sd Towns Land adjoyning to the Northerly side of sd wharfe; voted in the affirmative.

And then voted that a Committee be chosen to take into Consideration Mr. Perez Tilsons Petition Respecting the Towns selling him 15 or 20 feet in Breadth of Land next adjoyning to the North side of ye old Wharfe that was John Murdock Esqrs To examine the Records Concerning sd Land; and to Lay a true state of the same before the Town, as also to give their opinion what particular Person or Persons the sd Grant may Prejudice as also the best way to dispose of the same, and to make Report at the next Town Meeting. The Committe Chosen for that service are

Capt Josiah Morton
Thomas Spooner
Thomas Foster Esqr

And Respecting The Towns Building yard and the Towns Land at Wellingsley below Deacon Bartletts as mentioned in ye Warrant for this meeting. Voted that the Town choose a Committe to Consider ye affair of sd Building yard and Land and to Rent out the said Building yard and piece of Land to ye Best advantage for ye Town and to make Report of their doings thereon at the next Town Meeting. The Comitte chosen for that End are

Thomas Foster Esqr
James Hovey
John Torrey.

An Estimate of money to be Raised as supposed needfull, viz:

	£	s	d				£	s	d
For Mrs Little	8	0	0						
schools	53	6	8						
poor	26	13	4						
small pox bill	8	0	0						
Bridges	13	6	8						
Saxton	2	13	4						
Assessors	5	0	0						
Commissions &c	13	6	8						
				130	6	8			
More				2	0	0			
							132	6	8

These Present Witness An Agreement made Between Lemuel Morton of Plymouth Yeoman and Robert Bartlett of said Plymouth Shoresman. They two Being owners of Certain pasture Lands &c Lying In Plymouth aforesd on ye Easterly side of the Cuntry Rhoad to The Southward of Wellingsley So Called; the said Lands are adjoyning and the Bounds and Range Between them is the Partition Fence as Now It stands which Fence Extends From the Water Side or Bay on the Southerly side of said Roberts flake yard and so up about South west till It comes to ye Land that Lemuel Bartlett Lately Bought of Jonathan Morton; Now as To the sd Partition Fence, the said Lemuel Morton and Robert Bartlett have mutually agreed and oblige themselves as Followeth viz: Said Robert Bartlett and his Heirs & assigns To Keep up and mentain Forever:

[**134.**] One half of sd Particion Fence That Is To Say the North Easterly half; and the sd Lemuel Morton and his Heirs and Assigns to Keep up & mentain the other Half viz the Southwesterly half of sd Particion Fence Forever. In Wittness Whereof the said Partys have hereunto Sett their hands & Seals the Eleventh Day of October, Anno Domini 1752.

Lemuel Morton (seal)
Robert Bartlett (seal)

Signd Sealed & Dd In
Presence off
Samuel Bartlett
Ephraim Spooner

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held In the Court House in Plymo on Monday ye 4th day of December A Dom: 1752.

Lazarus Samson Josiah Morton Junr George Holmes & Nathl Goodwin were chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryalls at the next Court of Generall Sessions of ye Peace, and Inferiour Court of Common Pleas To be holden at Plymouth on ye Third Tuesday of this Instant December.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held In the Court House in Plymouth, on Monday ye 26th Day of February A Domini 1753 for the Choice of Jurors, David Turner & Joseph Morton were Chosen Grand jurors for the year Ensuing. And Thomas Bartlett John Sturtevant & Caleb Sherman were chosen to serve on the Petit Jury for Tryals at the Next Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace and at the Next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas To Be holden at Plymouth the first Tuesday of March Next.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held at ye Court House In Plymo on Monday the fifth day of March Anno Domini 1753 Doctr Lazarus LeBarron Chosen Moderator, & sworn Saml Bartlett Esqr Chosen Town Clerk & sworn by Thomas Foster Esqr.

Messrs Josiah Morton Thomas Holmes Lazarus LeBarron Thomas Foster Esqr & James Hovey chosen Selectmen and sworn Before Samuell Bartlett Justce Peace, Messrs James Hovey Joseph Bartlett & Perez Tilson Assessors.

Thomas Foster Esqr chosen Town Treasurer.

Then the Town voted to choose Three Constables viz: one Inhabiting on ye North side of ye Town Brook, one Between ye sd Brook & the second Precinct Line and one in sd 2nd Precinct, and the Majority of the Voters in Each of sd Divisions Respectively to be the Constables. George Holmes Barnabas Churchell Junr and Wm Elles Junr chosen Constables.

And then ye Town Voted that ye Constables should be Collectors, and be allowed for Collecting ye Taxes (as has been usuall) six pence on ye pound they giveing Bonds to save ye Town Harmless from any damage that may happen, by their Deficiency of seasonably paying in ye Town's money.

Messrs Joseph Bartlett Thomas Swift Nathl Warren Josiah Churchell Epm Cobb and Josiah Rider chosen Surveyors of ye highways.

Then Barnabas Churchell Junr Come into ye Meeting & Requested the Town to accept of Joseph Morton Junr to serve as Constable & Collector In his Room. Accordingly ye Town accepted him In ye Room of sd Churchell, and sd Morton was then sworn before Thomas Foster Esqr.

Messrs Josiah Torrey Jonathan Eames Junr Thomas Savory Nathl Churchell Willm Clark and James Clark were chosen Tytheingmen.

[**135.**] Town Meeting March ye 5 1735 Continued. At this meeting Cornelius Holmes John Nelson Silvanus Bartlett Elka Churchell Thomas Bartlett & Benjamin Rider were chosen fence viewers & Field Drivers.

And Messrs Theophilus Cotton Joseph Rider Junr Isaac Atwood Ebenezer Dagget Daniel Diman William Rider Jonathan Samson Benja Morton John Finney & Thomas Clark chosen Hogreeves.

Messrs John Harlow Silvanus Bartlett & Job Morton Surveyors of Lumber.

And Ebenezer Spooner & Joseph Morton Junr Sealers of Leather.

And Abraham Jackson & Benjamin Cornish to take care about ye Deer agreable to ye Act of ye Province.

Then the Town proceeded to vote for a County Treasurer and Delivered ye votes to George Holmes Constable who sealed them up in ye Meeting.

Messrs Elisha Doten Jeremiah Howes & Lemuell Morton to take care of the Beach, agreable to ye Province Act.

David Turner chosen Measurer of Timber Plank & Boards.

Messrs Joshua Bramhall Silvanus Bartlett & Ebenezer Spooner chosen to take care of the Herring Brook.

Messrs Lazarus LeBarron Saml Nelson James Hovey Joseph Bartlett Joseph Warren & Eleazer Holmes and Nathaniel Goodwin To be firewards.

At sd Meeting Mr. James Hovey & Capt. Theophilus Cotton were chosen A Committe to Enquire into ye affaires & circumstances of Tobe Cromwell negroman now Resideing in this Town and to make Report to ye Town at ye time this meeting shall be Adjourned to.

Then a vote was Called to Know if the Town would sell to Perez Tilson twelve feet of Land in Breadth next adjoyning to the North side of his old Warehouse (that was Mr.

Murdocks) sd twelve feet in Breadth to Extend from the Road there down into ye Bay. Voted In the affirmative.

And then made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr Thomas Spooner & John Torrey a Committee to value & convey to sd Tilson the sd 12 feet of Land In behalf of and for ye Use of ye Town.

Then a vote was Called to know if the Town would sell the Land at the Waterside which Elkanah Watson Petitioned, as Inserted in the warrant for this meeting. Voted In the affirmative. And Voted that sd Land should be sold by a Committe to ye highest Bidder, and to give a Conveyance of the same to the Purchaser; and then made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr Mr James Hovey & Ephraim Cobb a Committe to sell & convey the same as aforsd, In Behalf of and for ye Towns Use.

And then voted a Comitte shall be chosen to view & Consider ye circumstances of Cole's Hill so Called, said hill being much diminished & Broken away. And made choice of Messrs James Hovey Deacon Joseph Bartlett and John Torrey a Committe to view & consider ye same, and to make Report thereon To ye Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting. Then this meeting was Adjourned To Monday the 20th day of this Instant March, Two of ye Clock In the afternoon.

[**136.**] At a Town Meeting Assembled & held at the Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye Twenty sixth day of March A Dom: 1753. By adjournment from ye 5th of March Currant Respecting the affair Relateing to ye Circumstances of Tobe Cromwell Negro man as Entered ye 5th of March, and also the affairs Relateing to Coles Hill as Entered ye sd 5th of March. The Town voted that both should be continued or adjourned to the next Town Meeting.

At A Town Meeting Assembled & held at ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 7th day of May Anno Domini 1753 Lemuell Jackson Eleazer Churchell Junr Silas Morton & Josiah Bradford were chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryalls at ye next Court of Generall Sessions of ye Peace and at ye Inferiour Court of Common pleas next to be holden at Plymouth on ye Third Tuesday of May Currant.

At A Town Meeting Assembled & held in the Court

House in Plymo on Monday ye 14th day of May Anno Domini 1753 A vote was Called to know the Towns mind if they would send Two Representatives to Represent them at ye Great & Generall Court to be held at Boston on ye 30th day of this Instant May. Voted in the Negative. Then ye vote was called to Know if they would Send one Representative, Voted in ye affirmative, and then proceeded and made Choice of Major George* Watson to be their Representative, and he manifested his non acceptance. The town proceeded and Brot in their votes which did not amount to a Choice.

Then a vote was called to know ye Towns mind whether or no they would Reconsider their vote for sending one Representative, and not to send one this year to Represent them at sd Court, voted in ye affirmative.

Then ye Town made Choice of Doctr Lazarus Lebarron to be Moderator.

At sd Meeting a vote was Called if the Town would act anything at all upon ye petition of Elias Trask and others, as mentioned in the Warrant; voted in the Negative.

At sd Meeting The Town Voted and made Choice of Thomas Foster Esqr & Mr George Watson a Committee to act in sd Towns behalf with ye Town of Kingston, as to the maintenance of Tobe Cromwell Negro.

Then the Town made Choice of Messrs John Torrey Ephraim Cobb & Joseph Morton Junr a Committee to transact the affair Respectg Coles Hill Continued from the 26th of March Last—To discover ye proprietors or owners of the Severall Lots there formerly granted or sold by ye Town, to Consider ye Circumstances of sd Coles Hill, and to make Report to ye Town at the next Town Meeting.

And Then the Town made Choice of Thomas Foster Esqr & Joseph Warren Agents for ye Town to act in the Towns behalf with the County of Barnstable, Respecting ye Rebuilding or Repairing of Eell River Bridge.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held at ye Court

* George Watson was the great grandson of George Watson, who was in Plymouth as early as 1633. He was born in Plymouth in 1718 and died December 13, 1800. He married in 1748 Abigail, daughter of Richard Saltonstall, and in 1753, Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Oliver. He was a Selectman from 1756 to 1762 and again from 1764 until he declined further service in 1773. He was appointed one of the Mandamus Council but soon resigned.

House in Plymouth on Monday ye 18th day of June A D 1753.

At sd Meeting Messrs Samuell Nelson, Eleazer Churchell Joseph Bartlett & Joseph Warren were Chosen to serve on ye Grandjury at ye Next Superr Court of Judicature &c to be holden at Plymouth on Third Tuesday of July next.

And John Harlow Eleazer Holmes Saml Donham John Blackmer Ephraim Cob & Barnabas Hedge were Chosen to serve on ye Jury of Tryalls at sd Superior Court.

[**137.**] At A Town Meeting Regularly Assembled & held at the Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 20th of August A Dom 1753 Doctr Lazarus LeBarron was Chosen Moderator.

At sd Meeting The Town Voted to Raise the sum of One Hundred & Six pounds Thirteen Shillings & four pence money to Defray the Necessary Charges of the Currant year.

The Committee Chosen to sell 12 feet of Land in Breadth to Perez Tilson by a vote of the Town as Entered March ye 5th 1753 Verbally Reported That they had sold the same to sd Tilson for 6—13—4d and Conveyed sd 12 feet to him.

An Estimate for defrayg ye Charges of the Currant year viz for Mrs. Sarah Little

		8	0	0d
	Schools	53	6	8
Do	Bridges	8	0	0
	Saxton	2	13	4
	Assessors	5	0	0
	Commisrs &c	13	6	8
	Extra Charges	3	0	0
		106	13	4d

Voted as above

At A Town Meeting Assembled and held at ye Court House In Plymouth on Tuesday ye 11th of Septr A Dom: 1753 Ezekiel Rider and Joshua Swift were chosen Jurors to serve at The next Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace & Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth on ye 3rd Tuesday of this Instant September.

At a Town Meeting assembled and held In ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 10th day of December A Dom: 1753 Consider Howland Ephraim Holmes Zephaniah Holmes & Barnabas Churchell Junr were chosen

Jurors to serve at ye next Court of Generall Sessions of ye peace & Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth on ye 3rd Tuesday of this Instant December.

At a Town Meeting assembled & held In ye Court House in Plymo on Monday the 25th day of February Anno Domini 1754 Jonathan Diman & Nathl Shurtleff were chosen Grand jurors for the year ensuing.

And Ebenezer Donham Robert Harlow Josiah Carver and Ebenezer Samson were chosen Jurors to serve at the next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of ye peace to be holden at Plymouth on ye first Tuesday of March next.

At A Town Meeting Assembled & held In the Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 4th day of March Anno Dom: 1754 Doctr Lazarus LeBarron chosen Moderator.

Saml Bartlett Esqr chosen Town Clerk & sworn Before Edward Winslow Esqr.

And Thomas Foster Esqr Doctr Lazarus LeBarron James Hovey John Torrey and Perez Tilson Chosen Selectmen.

James Hovey Perez Tilson and Joseph Bartlett chosen Assessors & sworn Before Thomas Foster Esqr Justce peace.

Thomas Foster Esqr chosen Town Treasurer & sworn before Saml Bartlett Justice of ye peace.

Consider Howland Robert Bartlett & Zacheus Mendall were chosen Constables. The Town voted that ye Constables shall be Collectors and they shall be allowed 6d p £ for Collecting the money they Giving Bonds to Endemnify The Town as usuall heretofore.

[**138.**] Continued from ye other side.

And Lemuell Jackson John Torrey Amaziah Churchell Ezekiel Morton Israel Clark & Benja Cornish were chosen Surveyors of the highways.

And Job Cobb William Rider John Murdock Junr Isaac Thomas Thomas Morton Stephen Doten & Jonathan Harlow were chosen Titheingmen.

Theophilus Cotton Caleb Sherman Zacheus Bartlett Elka Churchell & Ebenezer Holmes were chosen fence Viewers and field Drivers.

Lemuell Jackson Saml Nichols Nelson Silvanus Morton Thomas Jackson Junr Daniel Diman Jonathan Samson Job Holmes Josiah Morton ye 3rd John Sturtevant Thos Bum-

pus & Eleazer Elles also Job Morton were chosen Hogreeves.

John Harlow Silvanus Bartlett & Job Morton were chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

Ebenezer Spooner & Joseph Morton Sealers of Leather.

Abraham Jackson & Benja Cornish to take care about ye Deer agreable to the Act of ye Province, Thomas Bartlett Jeremiah Howes & Lemuel Morton chosen to take Care of ye Beach agreable to ye Provence Act. John Kempton & Thomas Savory chosen Measurers of Timber Plank and Boards.

Then Consider Howland who was chosen Constable came into the meeting and Declared his Refusall of serving as Constable and the Town made Choice of Mr. John Torrey to prosecute (In the Law) the sd Consider Howland for his Refusal as aforsd to the next Court of Generall Sessions of ye peace to be holden at Plymouth within and for ye County of Plymouth on the First Tuesday of this Instant March. And the Town proceeded and made Choice of Cornelius Holmes to serve as Constable who accepted and was sworn Before Mr. Justce Foster.

And Then the Town voted That John Torrey Nathl Foster Ebenezer Spooner Benjamin Cornish and William Elles Be a Committee to see that ye Severall acts & Laws of this Province now in Force Respecting the Herring Brooks Throughout this Province be particularly put in Execution with Respect to the Severall Herring Brooks within this Town and that they or the Major part of them to prosecute any Violators of the sd Laws, or Either of them. And that their Necessary Expences both in takeing Care of ye sd Brooks according to ye sd Acts, and in any prosecutions thereon be Reimbursted them by the Town.

As to ye Request of Ebenezer Tinkcom petitioning for 14£ to be allowed him as mentioned in the warrant for this meeting.

The Town voted That Messrs Nathan Delano Theophilus Cotton & Thomas Spooner be a Committee to take into Consideration the sd petition of sd Tinkcoms and make Report Thereon To the Town at ye time this meeting shall be adjourned to.

And as to the Request of John Harlow Junr praying the Town to allow him fourteen Dollars being what he says was Taken from him, of ye money he Collected as Constable

in ye year 1752. His petition for ye same being Read; a vote was Called to know if the Town would act any thing Thereon. Voted In the affirmative. And then the Town made Choice of Messrs Nathan Delano, Theophilus Cotton & Thomas Spooner.

[139.] To be a Committee to take into Consideration the sd Petition of ye sd John Harlow and to make Report thereon to ye Town At the time this meeting shall be adjourned to; after hearing what the sd John & his wife (to be under oath) shall say Relating to ye premises.

Then the Town put in their votes for a County Treasurer which were sealed up In Town meeting by Cornelius Holmes Constable.

As to ye parragraff in the warrant Respecting Esther Cunnet an old poor Squaw who stands in need of support Is Continued to the Adjournment of this meeting.

And then the meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 25th day of March Currant at Two of ye Clock in the afternoon.

A Town Meeting Assembled & held at the Court House In Plymo on Monday the 25th day of March Anno Domini 1754 By Adjournment from the fourth day of March Currant. At sd Meeting Robert Bartlett who was chosen Constable come into ye meeting and mentioned his Desire That ye Town would accept of Josiah Churchell to serve as Constable in his Room for the present year. The Town by vote accepted of sd Churchell to serve as Constable in the Room of sd Bartlett. Then the Town voted to choose a Constable to serve in ye Room of Zacheus Mendall who was chosen to serve he being in a poor state of health and (as supposed) not able to serve in ye sd office and a vote was Called to know if the Town would choose any one to Prosecute sd Mendall for his non acceptance. Voted In the Negative.

And Then ye Town proceeded and made choice of Seth Swift to serve as Constable for the present year. And as to Esther Cunnet a poor old Squaw as Inserted in ye Warrant. The Town in Consideration of ye same voted That ye Selectmen and they are Desired to write to ye Gentlemen Commissioners in Boston, who have ye care of the Donations for ye Instruction & Support of ye Indians, and Their answer to be laid before the Town for their further Consideration.

The Report of ye Committee appointed to Consider ye

Petition of Ebenezer Tinkcom as Entered ye 14th of March was now Read & Considered and ye vote was Called to know if they would accept sd Report as it stands. Voted In the Negative.

And then voted to allow and pay Out of ye Town Treasury to sd Ebenezer Tinkcom the sum of Three pounds, for his trouble & hasty Removall of his Family & Household Goods &c. In the small pox time, in ye year 1752.

The Report of ye Committee appointed to Consider ye petition of John Harlow Junr as Entered ye 4th of March was Read and accepted, which was in ye words following viz. We the Subscribers Being chosen by the Town to Consider of the Petition of Mr. John Harlow Junr have met & Examined sd Harlow & his Wife upon oath; and We are Satisfied that he has Lost 14 Dollars of the Towns money and therefore We are of the mind that the Town aught To allow the Petitioner Ten Dollars.

Thomas Spooner
Nathan Delano
Theophilus Cotton

Plymouth March 25th 1754.

Then This Meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye first day of April next at Two of ye Clock in ye afternoon.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held In ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye first day of April Anno Domini 1754, By Adjournment from Monday the 25th of March Last Cornelius Morrey was chosen Fence Viewer & field Driver and Gershom Holmes was chosen Saxton.

[**140.**] Town Meeting Continued from the other side. At sd Meeting Job Cobb William Rider Isaac Thomas Thomas Morton and Jonathan Harlow were chosen Titheingmen.

Theophilus Cotton Elkanah Churchell & Ebenezer Holmes Junr chosen Fence Viewers and Field Drivers.

Josiah Morton the 3rd chosen Hogreeve.

Ebenezer Spooner and Joseph Morton Sealers of Leather.

Abraham Jackson and Benjamin Cornish were chosen Informers Respecting the Deer Act agreable to the Law of the Province.

Ezekiel Morton Surveyor of the highways.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Plymouth, with the Advice & Consent of Samuell Bartlett of sd Plym-

outh Esqr one of his Majtys Justices of the Peace for the County of Plymouth, Have Set off & by these Presents Do Assign and set off the High Ways streets and Common Roads in said Town into Six Districts, as follows:

The first District Begins at Kingston Line & Extends Southerly by the N. W. Corner of Barnabas Hedges House and Includes the street Leading Down from the Main Street In said Town by the North *Meeting house & the New Street so Called Down To the Waterside, and the Way along the Water side Between the said Streets, as also the Way upon Coles Hill.

The Second District Begins at the North West Corner of said Hedges House and Extends Southerly to the North side of the Town Bridge Including all the Streets & Ways Eastward of the Main Street in said Town to and by the Water side and Coles Hill Between said Hedges corner and said Town Bridge, as also the streets and Roads leading from said Bridge To Plimton Line.

The Third District Begins at the South side of said Town Bridge & Extending to the N W Corner of Lemuell Mortons House as the Cuntry Road Goes and allso all the Ways & Roads lying Westward of said Cuntry Road, Within Those Limits.

The Fourth District Begins at the N W Corner of sd Lemuell Mortons House, and Extends Southerly as the Cuntry Road Goes Towards Barnstable as far as the foot of the Hill a little Northward of where †John Gould formerly Dwelt, and Includes all the High Ways and Common Roads Westward of said Cuntry Road Within the Limmitts aforesaid.

The Fifth District Begins at the foot of the Hill a Little Northward of Where said John Gould formerly, Dwelt and Extends Southerly as the Cuntry Road Now Goes Home To Sandwich Line.

The Sixth District Begins at the Corner Where Ele River School House formerly stood and Includes all the

* The North Meeting-house stood on the North side of Middle Street, where the house of Mr. Frink and Spooner's Alley now are. It was built by seceders from the first church in 1744, who were organized as the third church. In 1881 the members returned to the parent church and the meeting-house was taken down.

† The house of John Gould was on the Sandwich road south of the old Cornish tavern. Gould's hill was named for him.

Highways and Common Roads from thence to and In Monument Ponds Precinct Lying Eastward of the Cuntry Road.

The first of the foregoeing Divisions is assigned To Lemuell Jackson, one of the Surveyors of Highways Within Said Town for the Present year.

The Second is assigned to John Torrey another of said Surveyors.

The Third Is assigned To Amaziah Churchell another of said Surveyors.

The Fourth Is assigned To Ezekiel Morton another of said Surveyors.

The Fifth is assigned To Benjamin Cornish another of said Surveyors.

And the Sixth is assigned To Israell Clark another of said Surveyors, Each of Whome it is Expected will faithfully Discharge there Dutys Within their Respective Limmitts for the year Ensuing. Wittness our Hands at Plymouth the first Day of Aprill 1754.

James Hovey
Lazarus Lebarron
Thomas Foster
John Torrey
Perez Tillson
Samuell Bartlett
Selectmen of said Town.

[**141.**] To The Selectmen of the Town of Plymouth.

Gentlemen. Joseph Croocker and his wife came from Pembroke in ye County of Plymouth on ye first of March Instant and now Dwell in my House in This Town.

Plymo 17 March 1753. Theo: Cotton

Recd ye above on ye 17th of March 1753 of Mr. Cotton.
James Hovey one of ye Selectmen of sd Town.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held at the Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 13th day of May A Dom: 1754. James Shurtleff Joseph Bates Ezekiel Morton & John Howard were chosen Jurors To serve at the next Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace & Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth within & for ye County of Plymouth on ye Third Tuesday of May Currant.

Then The Town Voted To Choose one Assemblyman to

Represent them at ye Great & General Court and Assembly To be held at Boston on ye 29th day of this Instant May.

Then the Town Voted and made Choice of Thomas Foster Esqr Assemblyman To serve at ye abovsd Generall Court for ye year Ensuing, And the oath appointed to be Taken in the Publick Bills of Credit was then Administered to him pr Saml Bartlett Justce Peace.

These are to Notifye you Gentlemen Selectmen of ye Town of Plymouth That I have hired one Lydia Greenleaf Original from Boston Late of Bridgewater, and now have taken her Into my service This Third day of June 1754.

Saml Kent.

At A Town Meeting Assembled and held In ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 15th of July Anno Domini 1754 Messrs Joshua Bramhall Jabez Shurtleff Thomas Spooner and Nehemiah Ripley were Chosen to serve on the Grand jury At the next Superiour Court of Judicature &c to be holden at Plymouth within & for ye County of Plymouth on ye Third Tuesday of July Currant.

And Joseph Bartlett Benjamin Rider John Finney James Warren Junr Silvanus Bartlett & John Atwood Junr were Chosen to serve on ye Jury of Trialls at sd Court.

At A Town Meeting Assembled & held In ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 12th day of Augst Anno Domini 1754, Thomas Foster Esqr was Chosen Moderator and took the oath appointed to be Taken In the act for calling in the Bills of credit of the Province of ye Massachusetts Bay.

At sd Meeting the Town Granted and voted to Raise the sum of One Hundred & six Pounds Thirteen Shillings & four pence, to defray the Needfull charges of the Town the Currant year.

And as to ye Clause In the Warrant for this Meeting viz: Likewise to Consider that part of the Excise Bill passed by the House of Representatives & the Counsell at the Last sessions of the Generall court Respecting an Excise upon Private Familyes for Rum Wine &c consumed therein: The Town proceeded thereon as follows viz: upon Consideration of that part of the Excise Bill Lately passed both Houses of Assembly, Respecting an Excise on private Familyes for ye Rum &c, Consumed therein; and his Excellenys speech upon That ocasion.

Voted Unanimously That ye sd Bill is Disagreable to the Town, as it appears unequall and unjust, and has a direct Tendency to Destroy ye Natural Rights and Privileges of Every Individuall In the Government; And that Thomas Foster Esqr Representative for ye sd Town Be and hereby is Instructed at ye next Sessions of ye Generall Court and at all times after, dureing his being the Representative of this Town, to use all possible and proper measures to prevent the sd Excise Bill from passing into a Law.

Then the Town Voted to Choose a Committe to draw up a proper Address of Thanks to His Excellency Governour Shirley, That he was pleased to Suspend Signing sd Excise Bill and for his speech on that occasion.

And then the Town Voted, That the Selectmen shall be ye sd Committee.

[**142.**] Continued.

At sd Meeting A List of those person suitable to serve as Jurors was by the Selectmen Laid before the Town; And the Town voted their acceptance of the same, And made Choice of Samuell Bartlett Esqr James Hovey & Thomas Foster Esqr to be a Committe to select out of sd List fifty eight in Number to serve as Jurors at the Superiour Court. Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 19th day of August Currant at four of ye Clock P M.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held In the Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 19th day of August A Dom: 1754. By adjournment from Monday ye 12th Instant.

At sd Meeting The Address of Thanks to his Excellency Governour Shirley Respecting the Excise Bill as Entered at the meeting ye Twelveth day of August Instant prepared and now proferred by the Selectmen who were Chosen a Committee to prepare sd Address, was now Read, And the Town Voted their acceptance of the same.

And also Voted That Thomas Foster Esqr and Mr James Hovey be a Committe to present a Coppy of sd Address (on file) To His Excelency William Shirley Esqr Capt Generall & Govr In Chief In & over his Majtys Province of the Massachusetts Bay, In New England.

At sd meeting was by Thomas Foster Esqr Saml Bartlett Esq & Mr James Hovey selected out of the List of the persons suitable to serve as Jurors Fifty Eight in number to

serve on ye Jury of Trialls at the Superr Court of Judicature, and put them into the proper box.

The above Address To his Excellency Governour Shirley Referred to Is viz: To His Excellency William Shirley Esqr Capt Generall and Governour in Chief In and over his Majestys Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England. May it please your Excellency.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth At A Town Meeting Legally Assembled and held at the Court House in sd Town on the Twelveth day of August 1754. Haveing Taken into Consideration That part of the Excise Bill Lately passed Both Houses of Assembly Respecting an Excise upon Wines and Spirits Distilled Consumed in Private Family's &c Together with your Excellency's speech To both Houses on that occasion, and unanimously voted That the sd Bill is Disagreable to them as it appears unequall and unjust. and has a direct Tendancy not only to Destroy the Naturall Rights & Priviledges of Every private Family, but also of Each Individual In the Government. And being sensible from your Excellency's speech on this occasion, as well as other Instances of your Tender Regard for the Libertys of the People Committed to your Government at all Times, and Especially in so far Defeating the Late unprecedented attempt upon ye same, By Refuseing your Assent to the sd Bill when Laid before you. And Looking upon it as their Duty Beg leave with Gratfull Hearts, To Return your Excellency Their sincere Thanks for the same, not Doubting but your Excellency will kindly accept this Testimony of their Gratitude and hopeing that your Excellency's Assent will never be Given to the sd Bill. And as your Excellency's Administration of the Government has we trust hitherto been unexceptionable, and the Libertys of the People, as well as his Majesty's Just Rights has always been the object of your care and concern, and the Interest of ye Marritime as well as the other Towns. have been Equally Regarded by you, So we trust That in the Important offairs of the sd Excise your Excellency will Continue the same Equall Regard, and not suffer ye Marritime Towns to be Burdened, more than the Inland Towns (as they must as we apprehend unavoidably be) if the said Bill should pass into a Law.

May your Excellency. Be Long Continued In the Chief seat of Government. over this Province: and may your Ad-

ministration be easy to yourself and at all Times acceptable to the People; That so the people may as with one voice Testifye their Greatfull acknowledgements for the same as we cincerely do upon ye Present occasion, which is submitted By the Committe.

James Hovey Perez Tilson Thomas Foster.

[**143.**] At A Town Meeting Assembled and held In the Court House In Plymouth on Monday the 10th day of September Anno Dom: 1754 Joseph Lawrence Ebenezer Nelson Saml Jackson & Thomas Morton were chosen to serve on the Jury of Trialls at the next Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace, and Court of Common Pleas next to be holden at within and for the County of Plymouth, on the Last Tuesday of this Instant September.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held In the Court House in Plymo on Monday the 9th Day of December Anno Domini 1754, Elias Trask Joseph Smith and Lemuell Churchell were chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the Next Court of Generall Sessions of the peace and Court of Common Pleas Next to Be holden at Plymouth Within and for the County of Plymouth on the Third Tuesday of this Instant December.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held in the Court House in Plymo on Monday the 17th Day of February Anno Domini 1755.

At sd meeting Doctr Lazarus LeBarron was Chosen Modderator, & James Hovey chosen Clerk for the Day and sworn Before Robt Brown Esqr.

At sd meeting Joshua Bramhall and Jabez Shurtleff chosen To serve on the Grand Jury for the year Ensuing.

And Jonathan King, George Holmes and Samuell Elles Chosen To Serve as Pettitt Jurors at the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas and Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace, Next to be holden at Plymouth the first Tuesday of March Next.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held In ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 3d day of March Anno Domini 1755.

At sd Meeting Doctr Lazarus LeBarron was Chosen Moderator and sworn Before Thomas Foster Esqr, and Saml Bartlett Esqr Chosen Town Clerk & sworn Before Thos Foster Esqr.

And Messrs Thomas Foster Esqr Lazarus LeBarron James Hovey John Torrey and Perez Tilson chosen Selectmen, and Messrs John Torrey Joseph Bartlett Junr & Perez Tilson chosen Assessors.

And Thomas Foster Esqr chosen Town Treasurer and sworn Before Saml Bartlett Esqr.

And Then The Town Voted That in ye choice of Constables one to be on ye Northward of ye Town Brook so Called, and one between that and ye South Precinct, and one in sd South Precinct; the majr part of ye votes in Each Division or District Respectively shall be ye Constables Chosen, And that ye Constables shall be allowed Six pence on ye pound for Collecting and paying in ye Taxes, to them Commited, provided they seasonably give Bonds, to save harmless and Indemnifye the Town, from all Charges & Damages, that may accrue by their failure. And then Voted that ye Constables, shall be Collectors. And then Isaac Doten James Clark and William Clark was chosen Constables.

Isaac Doten Come Into ye town meeting and manifested his Refusall to serve as Constable and Denyed paying the fine by Law Required for Refuseing to serve in sd office, for Reasons he then mentioned. A vote was then Called to know the Towns mind if they would choose a man to Prosecute ye sd Isaac for his sd Refusall; voted in the Negative.

The Town proceeded and made Choice of Ebenezer Donham, to serve as Constable in the Room of Isaac Doten who Refused.

At sd meeting Lemuel Jackson James Howard Benjamin Barnes Joshua Swift James Holmes & Benja Cornish were Chosen Surveyors of ye highways, and Thomas Jackson Junr Silvanus Bartlett Lemuell Drew William Torrey Lemuell Bartlett Jonathan Samson and Thomas Bumpus were chosen Tytheingmen.

[144.] March meeting Continued from the other side.

At sd Meeting Messrs Elisha Holmes Jeremiah Howes Josiah Churchell Nathaniel Torrey Elkanah Watson and John Churchell were chosen Fence Viewers & Field Drivers.

And Josiah Rider Solomon Atwood Gershom Holmes Samuell West Daniel Diman Josiah Carver Thomas Morton Josiah Churchell Ezekiel Morton Jonathan Bartlett & Isaac Harlow chosen Hogreeves.

And John Harlow Job Morton and Silvanus Bartlett chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

And David Turner and John Kempton Measurers of Timber Plank and Boards.

And Joseph Morton & Ebenezer Spooner Sealers of Leather.

And Abraham Jackson & Benjamin Cornish chosen to take care of ye Deer Act agreable to ye Law of the Province.

And Thomas Bartlett Jeremiah Howes & Ezekiel Morton chosen to take care of the Beach Agreable to the Province Act.

And Messrs Thomas Spooner Nathan Delano Thomas Foster Esqr Elkanah Watson & Perez Tilson was chosen a Committe to Examine and see what Common Lands there is at the Water side Belonging to the Town; and to make Report to the Town at ye adjournment of this meeting.

As to that parragraff in the warrant for this meeting Respecting the street Between the South East Corner of the House wherein Francis Howard now Dwells, and Deacon Torreys in sd Town. The Town Voted as follows viz: Whereas the street Between Mr. Ebenezer Spooners and Deacon John Torrey in Plymouth is very muddy and by means thereof often times it is Difficult to pass the same, which is principally Caused by Sundry peoples Diging up and Carrying away the mud, Dirt or Earth out of ye same street, whereby the same is in many places Hollow and the water (in a Rainy Season) stands in sd Hollows and Cannot Run out of the same street, for preventing whereoff and for makeing the said street more passable Voted, That no person or Persons Hereafter (without License first had & obtained from the Selectmen of sd Town for the time being or the Major part of them) shall presume to dig up or carry away any mud, Dung, Dirt or Earth out of the sd street or any part thereof under the penalty of Ten Shillings for Every Load of Dung Mudd Dirt or Earth, so dug up or Carryed away And so in the same proportion for a Greater or Lesser quantity To be Recovered by the Treasurer of the said Town for the time being & to be applyed for the use of the poor of sd Town. And that Parents and Masters shall be subjected to ye sd Penalty for their sons and Servants that may be guilty of diging up and Carrying away Dirt, Earth, Mud or Dung as aforsd. Provided that

Nothing herein Contained shall be Construed to Extend to the Surveyor or Surveyors of the highways in sd Town for the time being or any person or persons under ye sd Surveyor Diging up or Carrying away Dung within the Limits aforsd. This Act to stand in force three years next from the date hereof.

And then the Town Voted That Saml Bartlett Esqr prepare a Coppy of this vote and present the same to ye Justices of ye quarter sessions at the Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace next to be holden at Plymouth within and for ye County of Plymouth for their approveing the same.

And as to the affair of Examining into the Town Treasury Relateing to fines Recd by ye Severall Justices as mentioned in the warrant, Voted that ye Town Treasurer make out a coppy of what fines he has heretofore Received of the Severall Justices and Lay it Before the Town at ye Adjournment of this meeting.

And then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday the Twenty fourth day of this Instant March at three of the Clock in the afternoon.

[**145.**] At A Town Meeting Assembled and held In the Court House in Plymouth on Monday the 24th day of March Anno Domini 1755, By Adjournment from the 3d day of this Instant March.

At sd meeting William Clark who was Chosen Constable appeared and accepted to serve in sd office, and accordingly was sworn Before Saml Bartlett Justc Peace.

And Ebenezer Donham who was Chosen Constable also appeared and Refusd to serve as Constable for Reasons Given. A Vote was Called to Know if the Town would proceed to Choose a man to prosecute sd Donham for his sd Refusall. Voted in the Negative. And then the Town proceeded and made choice of Isaac Doten to serve as Constable. sd Doten Refused to serve and also Refused to pay a fine. A vote was Called to Know if the Town would choose a man to prosecute sd Doten (for his Refusall as aforsd) Voted in the affirmative and made choice of Deacon John Torrey to prosecute sd Doten for ye same At the next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas or Court of Generall Sessions of ye peace to be holden at Plymo within and for ye sd County of Plymouth on ye 3d Tuesday of May next. The Town proceeded and made choice of John

Kempton to serve as Constable who Refused to serve for Reasons given. A vote was Called to Know if the Town would Choose a man to Prosecute sd Kempton. Voted in ye Negative. Then the Report of the Committe appointed the 3d of March (To Examine & see what Common Lands there is at ye water side Belonging to ye Town and Report thereon) was Read—which is as follows viz:

The Committe Appointed by the Town of Plymouth at their Town Meeting upon the first Monday in March 1755 to see what pieces of Land the Town have yet Lying as Common which may be Convenient for the Town to sell being part of the Land Called ye mile & half Land; have attended that service and find there is a piece of Land at the waterside westward of Bartlett & Davises Lot & Northward of David Turner's Lot. A part of David Turner's workhouse stands on part of ye same. The Lott of Land Contains about 18 or 20 feet in Breadth and about 45 feet in Length. Also a small piece of Land to ye southward & westward of Benja Bartlett his Coopers shop, between the Two Roads. Also a piece of Land above the Road to ye Northward of Elkanah Watson his Coopers shop Twelve feet in weadth from sd Road to John Crandon's Lott; also ye same weadth below ye way Between sd Watsons & Capt Allens Lott; also a piece of Land at Wellingsley which Deacon Bartlett now Improves to set fish flakes upon and which was last Leased to Mr. Thomas Spooner, and he paid ye Town the Rent for divers years the Bounds of sd Land may be found on ye Town Records. All which pieces of Land the Committe are of opinion would be best for the Town to sell In such way or Method as the Town shall think most proper.

The committe are further of opinion, that as there is a Considerable Common upon the point that Leads to ye Swing Bridge, and the point is almost washed away with the Repeated Storms, that it must be convenient for the Town to make some proposalls to Persons that have a mind to take up that Land & for the Town if they think it Convenient to give the Land to such Persons as should appear to take it on Condition of their Building a good Causway to sd Bridge and Keeping the same in Repair. All which is Humbly Submited by us.

Plymouth March 24 1755.

Thomas Spooner Nathan Delano Thomas Foster
Elkanah Watson Perez Tillson

Then The Town Voted (Inasmuch as its a Thin Meeting) That the affairs of ye abovesd Report of ye Committe Respecting the Common Lands and all Matters thereon depending, be adjourned and put of till the Town Meeting to be held in the month of May next.

The Town proceeded and made choice of Abial Shurtleff to serve as Constable. sd Shurtleff Refused to serve or to pay his fine. Then ye Town voted that they would not choose a man to Prosecute him.

[**146.**] Then the Town Voted to Choose a Committe to Examine into ye state of the Town Treasury in Generall and particularly what sum is due to the Town for Principall, and what for Interest ariseing by ye sale of *the mile&half Land (so Called) and how the same is appropriated, and how the Interest of sd Principall has been paid & applyed. And to make Report at the Town Meeting to be held in May next. The Committe for that purpose chosen are Messrs James Hovey John Torrey & Perez Tillson. Then the Town proceeded further to choose a Constable, and made choice of Silvanus Bartlett to serve as Constable; and he declines serving and is subjected to the penalty of ye Law in that case made & provided, the sum of five pounds which he promised to pay Tomorrow (sd Silvanus paid sd five pounds to To Foster Esqr Town Treasurer March 1st 1756).

And then the Town Voted & made choice of John Churchell to serve as Constable. He appearing Refused to serve or to pay a fine; And the Town made Choice of Mr. Nathl Foster to prosecute sd John Churchell for his sd Refusall at ye next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas, or Court of Generall Sessions of ye Peace to be holden at Plymouth on ye Third Tuesday of May Next.

At sd meeting the Town Voted That a Committe be chosen to wait upon the Severall Justices Inhabiting within the Town of Plymouth with the Towns Desire That they would Respectively pay into the Town Treasury of sd Town such sums of money as they have Received for fines of any particular person or persons, and that are by Law appropriated to the use of the poor of sd Town; and to make Report of their Doings, at ye Town Meeting to be held here

* The mile and a half is described in a foot note on page 296 of the first volume.

In May next. And voted that Messrs Thomas Spooner, John Torrey and Perez Tillson be the sd Committe.

At sd Meeting Daniel Diman was chosen Constable, and sworn Before Saml Bartlett Justs of the peace.

And Thomas Lanman chosen Hogreeve.

At A Town Meeting Assembled and held In the Court House in Plymouth on Tuesday ye 29th day of April Anno Domini 1755.

At sd meeting Mr. James Hovey Chosen Moderator.

At sd Meeting a vote was Called to Know the Towns mind if they will allow and Give Liberty for the Catching of Alewives to Pickle & Barrel up for a market, In any of the Streems or Rivers within ye sd Town of Plymouth. Voted in the affirmative. And voted that no Alewives shall be Taken to Pickle and Barrel up for a Market, in the Town Brook so Called.

And then voted The Liberty to take and Barrell up Alewives for a market in ye streem that Extends up through Sandwich to ye Pond or Ponds (within ye Limits* of ye Town of Plymouth) Called the Great Herring Pond and the Little Herring Pond. And then a vote was Called To Know if the Town would give Liberty for the takeing of alewives to Barrell and Pickle up for a Market in the streem or Brook that Leads into ye half way Pond from Wareham. Voted in the affirmative. All To ye Regulated, By the Late act of this Province.

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* At various times claims have been made by Plymouth for a share in the herring pond fishery and petitions to that end have been presented to the Legislature. The claim has been denied chiefly on the ground of the following entry in the Plymouth Colony Court orders, dated June 7, 1670: "The Court having appointed Mr. Thos. Hinckley, Thos. Dexter, Senior, and Mr. Constant Southworth to settle the bounds between Plymouth and Sandwich, these are to certify, That the men above menioned have, with the concurrence of the agents of the towns abovesaid, agreed and determined the bounds to be as followeth, viz.: that the town of Sandwich shall run three quarters of a mile from any part of the fence of John Ellis his field, between his house and the sea, upon what point of the compass they please; and at the end thereof to pitch their stake, and thence to run a northeast line to the sea, and a southwest line into the woods; only in case a southwest line from the said stake shall cut of any part of the Herring River, to deprive the town of Sandwich of the benefit of the alewives, that then the said line shall run more westward, to clear the said river unto the town of Sandwich. In witness whereof they have hereunto set their hands, this nineteenth of February, 1663.

THOMAS HINCKLEY,
THOMAS DEXTER,
CONSTANT SOUTHWORTH.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held In the Court House in Plymo on Monday ye 5th day of May Anno Domini 1755 for ye choice of Jurors.

At sd Meeting Lemuell Morton Benjamin Cornish Junr Solomon Bartlett and Josiah Johnson were chosen to serve, on the jury for Tryalls, At ye Inferiour Court of Common Pleas, and Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace next to be holden at Plymouth on the Third Tuesday of this Instant May.

[147.] At A Town Meeting Assembled and held In the Court House In Plymouth on Monday the 19th day of May Anno Domini 1755.

A vote was Called to Know the Towns mind if they would Choose Two Representatives to serve them at the Great and Generall Court to be holden at Boston, on the 28th day of this Instant May. Voted in the Negative.

Then Voted that they would send one Representative; and made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr to Represent them at ye Great and Generall Court abovsd the year Ensuing. The previous oath Respecting ye other Government paper money, Administered to him by Samuell Bartlett Esqr.

Then the Town proceeded and made choice of Robert Brown Esqr Moderator for this Meeting.

At sd Meeting the Town made choice of Messrs James Hovey Deacon John Torrey and Perez Tilson to be a Committe to make sale of (for the Town's use) the severall spots or percells of Land, The Town have yet Lying as Common at or near the Waterside, (Being part of the mile & half Land so Called) and is the particular pieces of Land Below mentioned viz: A piece of Land Lying Westward of Bartlett & Davis's Lott & Northward of David Turners Lot. A part of David Turner's workhouse stands on part of the same, said piece of Land containing about 18 or 20 feet in Breadth and about 45 feet in Length. Also a small piece of Land to ye southward and Westward of Benjamin Bartletts Coopers shop between the Two Roads. Also a piece of Land above the Road to the Northward of Elkanah Watsons Coopers Shop twelve feet in weadth from sd Road to John Crandon's Lott, also the same weadth Below ye way, Between sd Watsons & Capt Allens Lott. And also the Common Land belonging to ye Town, being the Beach or point of Land adjoyning to ye Northerly side of ye Swing

Bridge so Called. Sd Land to be sold at Publick Vandue to the highest bidder or bidders. The Town voted that the affair Respecting the state of ye Town Treasury and mile and half Land (so Called) as Entered the 24th of March Last Be Referred to ye next Town Meeting, that may be Called for ye Raising of money. And also Respecting the Vote passed ye sd 24th of March and Committee Then Chosen to waite on ye Severall Justices Relateing to ye fines they have Received be Referred to ye abovsd next Town Meeting.

At sd Meeting the Town Voted That a Comittee be Chosen to take into Consideration the Land in Dispute Between the Town and Deacon Joseph Bartlett to Repair to ye spot to hear and Examine into his claim thereto. And to Examine into ye Towns Records Concerning the Towns Right to the premises and the value thereoff; and to Examine into any other Evidence Relateing to the Premises on Either side; and to Report what they think proper for the Town to do thereon at ye next Meeting for Raiseing Publick Money.

And then the Town proceeded to make choice of a comitte for that purpose, and the persons chosen were Thomas Foster Esqr Thomas Spooner John Torrey Nathan Delano and Capt. Josiah Morton To be the sd Comitte.

And as to the Beach, to the Northward of the Swing Bridge, mentioned in the Comittes Report of the 24th of March Last. The Town voted that affair to be continued to ye abovsd Meeting for Raiseing Publick money.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held in the Court House in Plymouth on Monday June ye 23d Anno Domini 1755.

James Hovey chosen clerk for sd Day and sworn Before Thomas Foster Esqr.

At sd meeting Messrs Thomas Spooner John Torrey Nehemiah Riply & Benj Bartlett were Chosen To serve on the Grand Jury at the Next Superiour Court of Judicature &c To be holden at Plymouth Within and for the County of Plymouth on the Third Tuesday of July Next.

And Capt Nathan Delano Deacn Elisha Holmes Silvanus Bramhall John Churchell John Blackmer and Ebenezer Donham Ware Chosen To serve on the Jury of Tryalls at said Court.

[**148.**] At A Town Meeting Assembled and Held In the Court House In Plymouth on Monday the first day of September Anno Domini 1755.

Thomas Foster Esqr was Chosen Moderator & sworn Before S. Bartlett Esqr.

At sd Meeting Thomas Davee & David Turner Junr was chosen to serve on the Petit Jury for Trialls at ye next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas & Court of Generall Sessions of ye peace to be holden at Plymouth within & for ye County of Plymouth on the Last Tuesday of this Instant September.

At sd meeting The Town Granted and voted to Raise the sum of One Hundred & Six Pounds thirteen shillings & four pence money to Defray ye needfull charges of ye Town this Currant year.

Then This meeting was adjourned to Monday ye 22nd day of September Currant at Three oClock in the afternoon.

And all other matters and things, depending on that was Continued to this meeting are Continued to ye adjournment as above.

At A Town Meeting Assembled & held in the Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 22d of September A Domini 1755 pr adjournment from the first Day of this Instant Septembr, Meet and further adjourned To the 24th Day of November Next At Two of the Clock afternoon.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and Held In the Court House in Plymouth on Monday the Eighth day of December A D 1755 For ye Choice of Petit Jurors.

At sd Meeting Thomas Bartlett and Silvanus Morton were chosen to serve on ye Jury of Tryalls at the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas and Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace Next to be holden at Plymouth on the third Tuesday of this Instant December.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and Held in the Dwelling House of Samuel Bartlett Esqr of Plymouth in Plymouth on Monday the 23rd Day of February A D 1756. By adjournment from the Court House in Plymouth.

At said Meetting John Waterman & Robert Bartlett were chosen To serve on the Grand jury for the Ensuing year.

And Lemuel Churchell and William Ryder were chosen To serve on the Pettit Jury at the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas and Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace Next

to be Holden at Plymouth on the first Tuesday of March Next.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Plymouth. Haveing sent Part of My Goods To Plymouth and Purposeing to Remove the Rest (With my family) Ere Long, and in the Mean Time Expecting to be Considerably Resident in the Town, These are therefore To Request you that I may be Admitted an Inhabitant of Plymouth and (as such) Inrolled in the Town Books, the Law authorizing you To Receive Inhabitants. And You'll oblige.

Yours To serve Febry 25th 1756 John Cotton.

Wee the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Plymo Do approve of Mr. John Cottons Being an Inhabitant of said Town. Given under our Hands at Plymouth Febry 27th 1756.

James Hovey
Lazarus LeBarron
Thomas Foster
John Torrey
Selectmen of Said Town.

At A Town Meeting Assembled and Held In ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday the First day of March A Dom 1756.

Doctr Lazarus LeBarron was chosen Moderator.

And Samuel Bartlett Esqr Chosen Town Clerk and sworn Before Thomas Foster Esqr Justs of ye Peace.

And Messrs Thomas Foster Esqr Lazarus LeBarron Josiah Morton John Torrey and George Watson Esqr were Chosen Selectmen.

And Messrs Joseph Bartlett Junr John Torrey & Perez Tilson were Chosen Assessors.

And Thomas Foster Esqr Chosen Town Treasurer.

And then ye votes was Brot in for a County Register and seald up in open Town Meeting By Constable Daniel Diman.

[**149.**] And then the Town Voted for a County Treasurer which Votes was also sealed up In open Town Meeting by Daniel Diman Constable.

At sd Meeting the Town Voted to accept of the Committees Report Respectg the Town Treasury &c as Entered March ye 24th 1755. Which Report is as followeth, viz:

The Committe To Whome the Town of Plymouth (at

a meeting held by adjournment at Plymouth the 24th of March Last) Refferred the Examination into the State of the Town Treasury in Generall and Particularly What sum Was Due for Principall and What for Interest Ariseing by the sale of the Mile and Half Lands so Called and How the same is Appropriated and how the Interest of said Principle has Been Applyed haveg attended that service Do Report as Follows, viz: That on the first of February 1741 Haveland Torrey Lazs LeBarron & Isaac Lothrop Junr a Committe for this Purpose Chosen, Adjusted the Town Treasurers Accounts, and then as appears by their Report on Record in the Towns Book there was a Ballance of 60-15-6 old Tenour Due from the Treasurer To the Town To Ballance the Towns Generall Account on the Treasurers Book and that there was Due from the Treasurer To Ballance the Poors Accot on said Book 1-6-3d. But upon Inspecting said Book Wee find that said Committee under their hands their say that the Ballance of said Generall Accot was 39-5-8d of the same Currency and the Ballance of the Poors Accot was 1-16-3d. Both of which sums We find the Present Treasurer Received of the Executors of the Preceeding Treasurer and no more; and are of opinion he ought to be Charged only with sd sums.

Wee likewise find that since said first day of February Including said 39-5-8d their has been paid into the Treasurer at Sundry Times for Taxes Premiums upon Rates Wild Catts, mile and half Land &c to the amount off 1327-10-6½d Lawfull money and for Interest of mile and half Bonds 86-14-1¼ and for the old Watch House 4-18-8 and for 50 Barrells of Alewives Taken Last year by Thos Swift in the Herring Pond River Neer Sandwich 3-6-8 The Whole Being 1422 9 11¾

And that the Treasurer has since that Time by Letting out mile and half money and by orders from the Selectmen &c paid out 1416 4 6¾

So that their Remains in his hand to Compleat the sum Recd in a Ballance of 6 5 5

Wee Likewise find that Including the above 1-16-3d Due to the Poor the Treasurer has at Sundry Times since said first of February 1741 by the Hands of Josiah Cotton Nathaniel Thomas Samuell Bartlett and Thomas Foster Esqr

Recd for Fines Due To the Poor		22	5	10
And by Gideon Whites fine for not serving as a Constable		5	0	0
And a fine for Elijah Dunhams Catching Herrings in the night			5	0
in the Whole		£27	10	10
And that he has since that Time paid out by orders of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor of said Town		£18	13	6¼
So that their is Due in the Treasurer's Hands, To Ballance the Poors Account		£ 8	16	3¾
And That Their is Due to the Poor from Silvanus Bartlett and John Churchell 5£ Each for their fines for Not serving the Last year as Constables		10	0	0
We also find that their is outstanding in the Severall Constables Hands, to Compleat the Payments of the assessments to them committed, the Severall sums following viz:				
From Joseph Morton Constable in	1749	0	7	7
From Ditto Constable in	1753	15	3	6½
From Lemuell Jackson	1750	19	4	10½
From Timothy Burbanks	1750	4	13	9¾
From Josiah Carver	1751	14	13	3¼
From Jonathan Darling	1752	16	9	½
From George Holmes	1753	36	11	3
From Cornelius Holmes	1754	34	10	10
From Josiah Churchill	1754	26	5	11¾
From Seth Swift	1754	4	1	5
From Daniel Diman	1755	31	5	8¾
From William Clark	1755	44	17	11½
From James Clark	1755	12	7	7
In the Whole		£260	12	10½

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[**150.**] Wee Likewise find that on the aforesd first Day of February 1741 their Was in the Treasury

24 Bonds Principall	610	14	6
Old Tenour Intrest Due on them	74	3	0

2 other Bonds Principall and Intrest	30	7	1
1 other Bond for Intrest	4	17	1
In the Whole Old Tenour	720	1	8d

Wee Also find that of the said Bonds their is only 4 Remaining viz:

	Principal with Depreciation			Intrest with Depreciation		
1 David Turner &c Bond Janry 14th 1724 Principall 5£ silver a 16 pr oz.	15	12	6	14	1	4
2 James Warren Esqr &c Bond for 21-14-0 —Principall silver at 21 pr oz—dated Aprill 7th 1733	51	13	4	40	9	5
3 Nathaniel Jacksons &c Bond for 69-15-5d Dated June 18th 1734 silver at 25 pr oz	139	10	10	87	0	2
4 Deacon Samuel Nellson &c Bond for 25-0-0 Dated Febry 20th 1738 silvr at 28 pr oz	44	12	10	18	17	3
Principal in Old Tenour	251	9	6			
Interest In Old Tenour				160	8	2

The Remainder of the aforesd Bonds have at Sundry Times Been paid into the Treasury and again Placed on Intrest To Severall Persons following viz:

	Principal with Depreciation.			Intrest with Depreciation.			
5 David Turner &c Bond for 25, 5, 0 New Tenour Dated Febry 26th 1746 silver at 42	30	1	2	16	6	9	
6 Josiah Morton Junr &c Bond for 21-3-2d New Tenour Dated May 12th 1749	21	3	2				
Principal in New Tenour	51	4	4	13	6	9	Intrst

	LAWFULL MONEY Principall			Intrest		
7 Samuel Fosters &c Bond Dated July 20th 1743 for 53¾00 Silver—1-6 in Lawfull Money	17	18	4			
8 John Harlow and Samuell Riders Bond Dated March 6th 1743 for 19½00 silver	6	10	0	3	2	0
9 Ebenezer Holmes Junr &c Bond June 25th 1750	5	1	7¼	1	10	5¾
10 John Torrey &c Bond July 24th 1750	4	16	0			
11 Timothy Burbanks &c Bond July 24 1751	17	10	0			
12 Gershom Holmes &c Ditto Nov 19 1751	6	2	2			
13 P. Tillson &c Ditto April 10th 1753	6	13	4			
14 Ebenezer Donham &c Ditto April 25th 1753	2	9	0	0	5	9
15 James Shurtleff &c Ditto April 25th 1753	0	14	8	0	1	8
16 Consider Howland &c Ditto Aprill 25th 1753	7	13	4	0	18	4½
17 P. Tillson &c Ditto April 10th 1753	15	1	4	1	8	2
18 Nathaniel Warren &c Ditto July 20th 1753	7	8	2	0	17	8

19 John Finney &c Ditto July 20th 1753	6	7	0	0	15	2½
20 Lemuel Jackson &c Ditto Janry 2nd 1755	16	0	0	0	19	2½
21 Josiah Morton Junr &c Ditto Janry 2d 1755	4	0	0	0	4	9
22 Silvanus Bartlett &c Ditto June 21st 1753	25	17	4			
23 Thomas Spooner &c Ditto June 21st 1755	9	9	4			
24 Benjamin Bartlett &c Ditto June 21st 1755	5	15	8½			
25 George Watson Esqr Note June 21st 1755	8	0	0			
Principell in Lawful Money	173	7	3¾			
Intrest				10	3	3¾
To this Add the 4 old Bonds Principel 251-9-6 old Tenour Reduced To Lawfull Money	33	10	7			
And the Intrest of said Bonds 160-8-2 O Tenour Reduced To Lawfull Money				21	6	8
And the 2 New Tenour Bonds Principall 51-4-4d Reduced To Lawfull Money	29	1	0			
And the Intrest thereon Due 13-6-9 Reducd To L Money				7	2	3
	235	18	10¾	38	12	2¾

So that it appears that what Is now Due To the Town for Principall on the Bonds ariseing by Sale of the Mile and half Land is £235-18-10¾d Lawfull money and the Intrest Now Due To Compleat the yearly Intrest on said Bonds for the Time past is £38-12-2¼ of the same Currency.

There is one old Bond more in the Treasury from Joshua Donham Deceased for 11-5-0 of the then currency Dated Decr 7th 1731 said to be Given By him for what the Town Did for him when sick of the Small Pox & is of No Vallew

With Respect To the Appropriation of the said mile and half money Wee find that by a vote of sd Town at a Meetting held March 2d 1710–11 the money ariseing by the sale of the Common Lands Was Sett apart To Be Improved wholley to the maintanance of A School.

[**151.**] In said Town and That Perpetually and Not to be alienated From That End To Any other Use for ever.

We Also find that the Interest of said money (Except What is Now Due as above) Has from Time To Time been paid into the Treasury, and has Been Drawed out and Applyed, for the Use and Service of the Town in Common With their other monies, and has Not in any other manner Been Applyed for the Maintenance of a School.

We further find that all the Articles of Payments and Disbursements made and chargd by the Treasurer on his Book are well vouched, Except one Artical of Charge on the 4th of Novr 1749 of 10-17-6 old Tenour made Abial

Shurtleff by order of the Selectmen, Which Cant at Present be found; and that the Treasurer has Charged and Taken for Commissions Two & a half for it, and No more for Receiving in and Paying out the Towns Money (Exclusive of the Poors money for which he has charged Nothing) and that this has Been the Practice With and Allowance made the Preceeding Treasurer.

And As there has Not Been from the Beginning to this Day any Distinct Account kept on the Treasurers Book for the mile and half Bonds, We think it Adviseable that a Distinct Account Bee hereafter kept of them, Whereby at one view the Town may at any Time know How that affair stands, and that it would Bee Best that the Treasurers Accounts should hereafter Be Settled once a year all Which is submitted.

Plymouth Febry 27th 1756.

James Hovey
John Torrey
Committee.

And then the Town Voted to Choose Three Constables, one to be on ye Northward of the Town Brook (so Called) and one Between sd Brook and the South Precinct, and one in sd South Precinct; and to allow the Constables, who are to be Collectors six pence on ye pound for Collecting and paying in the Taxes to them Commited to Collect, Provided they seasonably give Bonds to save Harmless and Indemnifye the Town from all Trouble and charges, that may arise by their failure.

At sd Meeting Zacheus Bartlett Elias Trask and Andrew Thomson were Chosen Constables.

Sd Thomson Refuses to serve as Constable and promises in open Town Meeting to pay ye fine of five pounds for his sd Refusall.

And also sd Elias Trask Declines serving as Constable and promises to pay ye fine by Law Required and accordingly gave his obligation to ye Town Treasurer for payment of ye same, being five pounds.

Then the Town proceeding further to Choose Two Constables and made Choice of *Nathaniel Goodwin to serve

* Nathl. Goodwin was descended from Christopher Goodwin, who was in Charlestown about 1640. His son, Nathaniel, born in 1748 in Plymouth, married in 1769, Molly, daughter of Thomas Jackson. He was a Major, Brigadier and Major General in the Militia and served at

as Constable. Sd Goodwin Refuseing to serve in sd office; a vote was Called to Know the Towns mind, if they would Choose a man to prosecute sd Goodwin in the Law for his sd Refusall.

Voted in ye affirmative, and ye Town made Choice of Cornelius Holmes to prosecute sd Goodwin at the next Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth for his sd Refusall.

Then the Town proceeded and made Choice of Mr. Thomas Mayhew and Amaziah Churchell to serve as Constables.

At sd Meeting The Report of ye Committee Respecting the Towns Land at Wellingsley in dispute Between ye Town and Deacon Joseph Bartlett as Entered May 19th 1755 Was now Read and accepted by ye Town. The sd Report being as Follows, viz:

Wee the Subscribers being Appointed a Committe to view the Piece of Land at Wellingsley, Upon which the fishing Flakes of Deacon Joseph Bartlett Now stands, Which the Town formerly Hired out To Sundry Persons, and Lays at the Northerly End of Lemuel Bartletts Land; And also Give our oppinions of the valew of sd Land; have attended that service and are of oppinion that it Would Be Best for the Town To sell said Land as part of the mile & half Land, so Called and Have Likewise Valewed the Same at sixteen Pounds Lawfull Money, the Peice of Land Viewed and Valewed as aforesd is all the Land Between the Land of the said Lemuell Bartlett and the sedge flatt, and as far as the Ware or fish House Now stands on the Bound of the Lott on Which the Warehouse stands, said Lott owned by

[**152.**] The Heirs of John Churchell. Deceased, also the Land at the Northerly End of Said Lott, so far Easterly as the Bounds of said Lott.

Plymouth March 1st 1756 Which is submitted pr:

Josiah Morton Thomas Spooner
Thomas Foster John Torrey
Nathan Delano

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various times in the war of the revolution. He was the father of the late Nathaniel Goodwin, many years Cashier of the Plymouth Bank. He lived in the house which until recently stood where the Baptist Church stands and in the house now owned by W. H. H. Weston, next below the Baptist Church.

After Reading and accepting the sd Report the Town Voted to sell the Peice of Land therein Contained, at a Publick Vandue, now in open Town Meeting to ye highest Bidder, to be set up at sixteen pounds Lawfull money as valued by the abovenamed Committe, The Town only to quit their Claims Right and Interest, in the sd Premises. The money ariseing by the sale of ye same to be appropriated to the use of the School, in the same manner as the other mile & half Lands was sold for the same use. The Vandue being attended & bid for, Silvanus Bartlett was the highest Bidder, and sd Piece of Land was struck of to sd Silvanus for Twenty Pounds Ten Shilling by him bid.

Then The Town Meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 15th day of March Currant at one of the Clock in the afternoon.

A Town Meeting Assembled and held In the Court House In Plymouth on Monday the 15th day of March Anno Domini 1756, By Adjournment from Monday the first day of this Instant March.

At sd Meeting the Town voted to allow the Collectors of sd Towns Money Twelve pence on ye Pound for Collecting and paying in the same Provided they Seasonably give Bonds to ye Town Treasurer To save Harmless and Indemnify ye Town from all Trouble & Charge that may arise by their failure.

Then ye Town voted Mr. Thomas Mayhew Shall be excused from serving as Constable this Present year as he has produced a Commission under the hand of Andrew Belcher Esqr appointing him Register of the Court of Admiralty: The sd Mayhew Refuseing to serve, said Mr. Mayhew made the Generous offer (altho by Law he being Excused) that he would give Ten Dollars to the man who Shall be Chosen to serve as Constable & Collector and accepts to serve in the same on the North side of The Town Brook so Called.

Zacheus Bartlett accepted to serve as Constable in ye 2nd Precinct In Plymouth and accordingly was sworn Before Edward Winslow Esqr. Then the Town proceeded and made Choice of William Rider and Amaziah Churchell to serve as Constables, sd William Rider proposed to the Town to accept of Josiah Torrey to serve as Constable in his Room. Which the Town Refused.

At sd Meeting William Rider and Amaziah Churchell

who were Chosen Constables appeared and Requested that the Town would accept of Joseph Morton to serve as Constable In the Room of them Both; The Town accepted of sd Morton and accordingly he was sworn (to his faithfull Discharge in sd office) By Edward Winslow Esqr.

At sd Meeting Ebenezer Nelson Nehemiah Ripley Ebenezer Samson Nathll Warren John Blackmer & Joseph Bates were Chosen Surveyors of the Highways.

And Samuel Elles Jonathan King Elkanah Churchell Stephen Doten and James Clark Chosen Fence Viewers and field Drivers.

And John Atwood Jobb Cobb Zacheus Curtis James Drew Nathll Donham Charles Morton Jonathan Samson Lemuell Barnes Eleazer Holmes Esekiel Morton

[**153.**] Ezekiel Rider, Thomas Bumpus and Eleazer Elles were chosen Hogreeves.

And Silvanus Bartlett John Harlow Job Morton David Turner and Thomas Savory chosen Surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of Timber Plank Boards &c.

And William Rider & Ebenezer Spooner Sealers of Leather.

And William Ellis & Joseph Lucas Informers Respecting ye Deer Act Agreable to the Province Law.

And Thomas Bartlett Jeremiah Holmes & Ezekiel Morton chosen to take Care of the Beach agreable to the Laws of the Province.

And Benjamin Bartlett Jonathan Bartlett Abial Shurtleff Jeremiah Holmes Josiah Johnson & Samuell Lanman were chosen Tytheingmen.

Then A vote was Called to Know if the Town would have or allow any Alewives or Herring to be Taken out of the Town Brook (so Called) the Present year to Barrel up for sale. Voted in the Negative.

And made choice of Nehemiah Ripley Timothy Burbank & Josiah Carver (Chosen by Nomination as Voted) to take Care of sd Brook and prevent any of sd fish to Barrell up for sale to be taken, and to Regulate the affair of sd Brook and alewives agreable to ye Laws of this Province.

And then voted That a quantity of alewives not Exceeding five hundred Barrells be allowed to be taken for Sale out of Herring Pond Brook so called within the bounds of this Town.

And also voted that a quantity of sd Fish not Exceeding five Hundred Barrells be allowed to be taken for sale out of Half Way Pond Brook so Called within the bounds of this Town.

And Then Voted The Town Desires Thomas Foster Esqr Town Treasurer To wait on Robert Brown Esqr one of his Majtys Justices of ye Peace for the County of Plymouth and demand and Receive of him theValue of ye fines that the sd Brown has received from Time to Time which by Law is appropriated to the use of and for the poor of this Town.

And upon his sd Browns Refusall to pay ye same to sd Treasurer, Then he ye sd Treasurer to make a Demand on sd Brown in the Law for the Same.

Then The Town Took into Consideration the affair of the Grammer School and Particularly with Respect to Mr. *Thomas Foster Junr the present Schoolmaster whether he shall be Dismist from Keeping sd School after three months Notice or Warning or not, Voted In the affirmative, viz: by written votes Yeas & Nays, viz: That ye sd Mr. Foster shall be Dismist from Keeping sd School at ye End of Three months after he is Notified & Warned as aforsd.

And Then ye Town made choice of Messrs George Watson Esqr Edward Winslow Esqr and Major James Warren a Committee for one year to procure and Supply the sd Grammar School with a Good and Suitable Schoolmaster To Commence from the End of sd three months Warning, or when sd Mr. Foster Shall quit and Leave the sd School.

At sd Meeting The Town made Choice of Messrs John Torrey James Hovey & Theophilus Cotton a Committee to view and Consider ye value of a Small piece of Land on part of which Benjamin Bartletts Cooper Shop now stands, Requested by sd Benjamin Bartlett as mentioned in the Warrant for this Town Meeting, In the Words following viz, To Consider ye Request of Benjamin Bartlett That the Town would give him a Deed of ye Land where his old Shop now stands (which was many years ago Laid out to him) he paying ye Town what ye same is worth, The sd Committee to Transact sd affair In behalf off and for ye use of sd Town Plymouth.

* Thomas Foster Jr., son of Thomas, taught the town school and, being a loyalist, went to Nova Scotia in 1776 on the evacuation of Boston.

[**154.**] At A Town Meeting Assembled and Held In the Court House In Plymouth on Monday the 10th day of May Anno Domini 1756, For the choice of Petit Jurors.

At sd Meeting Elkanah Churchell John Kempton Mathew Lemote & Charles Morton were chosen to serve on ye Jury of Tryalls at the Inferiour Court of Common pleas; and Court of General Sessions of the Peace Next To be holden at Plymouth In the County of Plymouth on the Third Tuesday of this Instant May;

At Town Meeting Assembled and held In the Court House In Plymouth on Monday the Seventeenth day of May Anno Domini 1756.

At sd Meeting A Vote was Called to Know the Towns mind if they would Choose Two Representatives to serve them at the Great and Generall Court to be holden at Boston on the Twenty Sixth day of this Instant May. Voted in the Negative.

And Then Voted that they would choose one Representative And made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr To Represent them at the Great and Generall Court abovsd the year Ensuing. The Previous Oath Respecting the other Governments paper money Administered to him By Samuell Bartlett Justs Peace.

At sd Meeting Messrs Thomas Spooner Deacon John Torrey Nehemiah Ripley and Benjamin Rider were Chosen to serve on the Grandjury at the Next Superiour Court of Judicature &c To be holden at Plymouth Within and for the County of Plymouth on the Third Tuesday of July next.

And Deacon Joseph Bartlett Benjamin Bartlett John Bartlett Lemuell Jackson John Atwood and Nathaniel Warren were Chosen to serve on the Petit Jury for Tryalls at the abovsd Court.

To Samuell Bartlett Esqr Town Clerk.

Sir These are to Inform you That Ephraim Tinkcom (since Deceased) moved from Kingston with his Family Consisting of Himself his Wife and Two Sons Into my House That Thomas Silvester Lives in as a Tennant, his Circumstances I believe not very good; He Brot a Cow with him which is all the Estate I know of besides Household Stuff. The Time of Removall May ye 12th Instant.

Plymo May 31 1756 Theo: Cotton

The originall on file.

At A Town Meeting Assembled & held in the Court House In Plymouth on Monday the 30th day of August Anno Domini 1756.

Thomas Foster Esqr chosen Moderator.

Then the Town took under Consideration the affairs of ye School or Schools as mentioned in the Warrant. The Town Voted shall be adjourned to the day this meeting shall be adjourned to, and made choice of Capt. Josiah Morton, Deacon Bartlett Deacon Torrey Capt Theo. Cotton and John Blackmer a Committee to Consider the same and make Report to ye Town at sd Adjournment, Then the Town made choice of Thomas Foster Esq To Represent to the Generall Court The difficulty this Town Labours under with Respect to the takeing of Alewives that pass through the Town of Sandwich into the Herring pond that Lyes in the Township of Plymouth, and to Petition for some Relief in that affair.

And as to the Petition of Bartlett & Davis* Requesting the Town to grant them a piece of Land at the Water Side Suitable to build a Wharfe on, The Town Voted and made choice of Messrs Thomas Foster Esqr Deacon Joseph Bartlett & Deacon John Torrey a Committee to view and value a piece of Land fifty feet in Wedth adjoyning to and to Extend from the Easterly part of the 50 feet in wedth, sold by ye Town to Joshua Drew, as Recorded in ye 83 page of this Book (Being ye Buildg yard so Called) and the same wedth to Extend down into ye Bay and in ye same Range, and to dispose of ye same to sd Bartlett & Davis for ye Towns use.

As to Raiseing money for ye charges of ye Currant year, is Continued to ye adjournment of this meeting as above. Then this meeting is adjourned To ye Last Monday in Septr next at Three of the Clock afternoon.

[**155.**] At A Town Meeting Assembled and Held In the Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 27th day of Sep-

* Thomas Davis, the great grandfather of the editor, was born in Albany in 1722 and came to Plymouth in 1737 from North Carolina, to which state his father had removed from New York. He owned for many years and occupied a house on the site of the southwesterly end of Odd Fellows Building and in 1784 set out the elm trees, which have so many years been the ornament of Town Square. He was the father of six sons, Thomas, William, John, Samuel, Isaac P., and Wendell, and one daughter, Sarah, who married LeBaron Bradford of Bristol, Rhode Island. Mrs. Bradford, to whom her father's house descended, occupied it after her husband's death, for many years, and from her it acquired the name Bradford house. Mr. Davis died March 7, 1785.

tember Anno Domini 1756. Deacon Robert Harlow & Cornelius Holmes were chosen to serve on the Petitt Jury of Tryalls at the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas and Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace Next to be holden at Plymouth for the County of Plymouth, on the Last Tuesday of this Instant September.

At A Town Meeting Assembled and held In the Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 27th day of Sept A Dom: 1756 By Adjournment from Monday ye 30th of August Last past.

At sd Meeting The report of a Committee In the Apprisall & sale of a piece of Land at ye Waterside Granted to Silvanus Bartlett & Thomas Davis was Read & accepted, and is in words following viz,

We the Subscribers Being Chosen a Committee To view & apprise a Peace of Land at the Water side Being part off the mile & half Land So Called said Piece of Land Being Granted by the Town to Messrs Bartlett & Davis Traders In Plymouth, and Lyes at the Water side at the Head of the Piece of Land Formerly Granted to Joshua Drew of said Plymouth for a Building yard, Containing Fifty feet In Breadth from said Grant to Drew at the Easterly End of said Grant and So Into the Sea To Low Water mark, and Wee have Apprised the same at thirteen Pounds, six Shillings and Eight Pence, and said Bartlett & Davis Have Given Bond To The Town Treasurer, for said Sum; Dated at Plymouth Sept ye 27th 1756

John Torrey
Joseph Bartlett
Thos Foster

At sd Meeting The Report of a Committee Respecting ye School or Schools was Read, and is in the words following viz:

Wee the Subscribers being appointed a Committee To consider the State of the School in this Town and To make report as Wee Thought Proper Thereon Haveing Taken the Matter Into Consideration are of opinion that the School that is now Kept is not Sufficient for the Instruction of the Children in this Town & That it is Necessary that another School Be Sett up For the Instruction of the mail children in Reading Writing & Arethmetick To be Kept at the Southerly and Northerly Part of the Town viz: Four

months of the year at Wellengsley and Three months at Ele River, and three months at Manument Ponds, and Two months at the Northward Part of the Town, about a mile from the Court House, and that each Place at their own Cost Provide Themselves With a School House or Convenient Place for the School, To be Kept In, and that said School Be mentained for three years from the Time it is Sett up.

Josiah Morton
Joseph Bartlett
John Torrey
John Blackmer
Theo Cotton

Plymouth Septr 27th 1756.

Which Report The Town Voted Their Acceptance off.

And Then The Town Voted to choose a Committee or Committees and in and for each part of the town mentioned in ye above Report, whose power & duty it shall be, and they are hereby Required, Annually to procure for sd three years a Suitable Person to keep sd School for the Instruction of ye Male children, In Reading Writeing and Aremethick in each of ye Divisions or parts of ye Town above mentioned, viz:

Three months, at Monument Ponds, Three months at Eall River, four months at Wellingsley, and Two months in the Northerly part of the Town, about a mile from the Court House, In Each of sd Three years and Each Division or part of ye Town as mentioned, Respectively to procure at their own Cost a School House or Convenient Place for ye School; and Each of sd parts or Divisions to have the School Kept at such Time of ye year, as may best suite them and as the Committees Respectively shall think Best that may be chosen for the Regulation of sd Schools. And then the Town proceeded & made choice of a Committee for each of sd Divisions, and Chose John Blackmer James Holmes & Zacheus Bartlett a Committe for Monument Ponds, Capt Josiah Morton Thomas Bartlett & Nahtll Warren for Ell River, Josiah Bartlett, Josiah Churchell & Amaziah Churchell for Wellingsley, Capt. Theophilus Cotton Cornelius Holmes & Lemuell Jackson, for the Northerly part of the Town.

[**156.**] Town Meeting Continued.

At sd Meeting The Town Voted their Desire and order

To Thomas Foster Esqr Town Treasurer to Sue all those Persons who do not pay in to ye Treasury Before the next December Court the Interest due on their Respective Bonds & Notes of hand, for the mile & half money So Called.

And Then the Town Voted to Raise the Sum of Eighty Pounds money For Defraying the Needful Charges of the Town the Currant year.

And also voted That ye Assessors in Taxing the Inhabitants of the Town for ye same, Shall not in makeing the Tax Exceed five Pounds surplusage.

By order of the Selectmen of Plymouth The Town Clerk to write to the Selectmen of the Town of Sandwich, and Notifye them, that they meet the Selectmen of this Town at ye House of Mr. William Elles Inholden in Plymouth, on the Last Tuesday of October next at Ten of the Clock in ye forenoon, To Consult and Determine what may be Done Respecting the Catching of Alewives in their passing through Sandwich into ye Herring Pond in this Town, and if sd Day Should be a fowl day, Then to meet as aforsd on ye next fair day.

(Wrote Sept 28th per Copy on file).

At a Town Meeting held in The Court House in Plymouth on Monday the 20th day of December A Dom: 1756, Nathll Shurtleff Joseph Warren Paul Doten Nathll Morton Junr was chosen to serve on the Petit Jury for Tryalls at December Court 1756.

At a Town meeting Legally Warnd & Held at the Court House in Plymouth on Monday the 23d day of Fbeyary Anno Dom 1757 Samuel Bartlett Esqr Town Clerk for the present year being absent The Town made Choice of John Torrey For their Clerk, Who Took The oath according to Law.

Then Mr. Josiah Bradford, James Carver, Zacheus mendall and Silas Morton were chosen Petit Jurors To serve on the Jury of Trials at March Court 1757.

And John Bartlett & John may were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury For the ensuing year.

A Town Meeting Assembled and held in ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 7th day of March Anno Domini 1757. At sd Meeting Doctr Lazarus LeBarron was chosen Moderator, Samuel Bartlett Esq chosen Town Clerk and took the oath by Law Required administered by Edwd Winslow Esqr.

Messrs Josiah Morton Edwd Winslow, George Watson, Theophilus Cotton & Joseph Bartlett chosen Selectmen.

Messrs James Hovey, Joseph Bartlett & Zacheus Bartlett chosen Assessors.

Deacon Joseph Bartlett chosen Town Treasurer.

Then the Town proceeded to ye choice of three Constables and voted to allow them for collecting the money for ye taxes (the Constables to be Collectors) one Shilling on the pound for Collecting & paying in the same, provided they seasonably give Bonds with Surety To the Town Treasurer to Save Harmless & Endemnify the Town from all Trouble & Charges that may arise by their failure.

[**157.**] The choice to be the highest in vote In ye 3 distinct parts of the Town viz: To the Northward of the Town Brook (so called) and from sd Brook Southward to the Second Precinct Line and the Third in sd Second Precinct and made choice of Isaac Doten, Joshua Swift & Ezekiel Rider to serve as Constables & Collectors for the Present year.

The sd Isaac Doten Refused to serve and paid a fine of five Pounds To Thomas Foster Esqr Town Treasurer, Joseph Bartlett now chosen not present nor sworn.

And then ye Town made choice of Silas Morton to serve as Constable. He Refused Serving, is to pay a fine of five Pounds for which he gave his note of hand to Deacon Joseph Bartlett (payable) now chosen Town Treasurer.

Then Abner Holmes was chosen Constable who Refused either to serve or pay a fine; The Town made choice of Capt *Gideon White to prosecute; Then sd Abner gave his note of hand payable to sd Treasurer Bartlett for ye sum of five Pounds, Before which Doctr William Thomas† as also Sil-

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* Gideon White, born in Marshfield in 1717, was the great grandfather of the editor and the son of Cornelius White of Marshfield, who in 1741 removed to Plymouth and bought and occupied the house on Main street on the site of the Engine house, where Gideon also lived after his father's death. His children were Cornelius, Elizabeth, who married Hamilton Leonard Earl of England, Hannah, Experience, Gideon, the grandfather of the editor, a loyalist and Captain in the British Army, serving with his regiment in Jamaica during the revolution; Joanna, who married Pelham Winslow, Catherine and Thomas. He died in Plymouth March 6, 1779.

† Dr. Wm. Thomas, son of William of Marshfield, was born in 1722, and was on the medical staff in the expedition to Louisburg in 1745 and at Crown Point in 1758. He removed to Plymouth and followed his profession until his death, September 20, 1802. He had four sons

vanus Bartlett were Seperately chosen to prosecute sd Abner for sd Refuseing to serve. They both Refused.

The Town made choice of Thomas Davis to serve as Constable sd Davis being notifyed by Constable Morton who Returnes answer That sd Davis says he will not serve, Neither will he come into the meeting.

Then the Town made choice of Edward Winslow Esqr To Prosecute sd Davis In the Law for his sd Refusall. Mr. Winslow accepts. The Town voted That there shall not be more then Two Hundred Barrells of Alewives taken for Sale out of Brooks or Streams within this Town, this present year.

Then this meeting was adjourned To Monday ye 21st Day of this Instant March at Two of ye Clock in the afternoon.

A Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of The Town of Plymouth Duly qualifyed, Assembled and held In ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday the 21st day of March Anno Domini 1757. By Adjournment from the 7th day af this Instant March.

At sd Meeting Joshua Swift and Thomas Davis who were chosen to serve as Constables made Request to the Town that they would accept of Jonathan Diman to serve as Constable In their Rooms & stead Accordingly the Town accepted of sd Jonathan to serve as Constable, and he took the oath by Law Required which was administered to him by Samuel Bartlett Esqr Just Peace.

Then The Town Proceeded and made Choice of the following officers to serve for the year Ensuing.

Viz: Samuell Ellis Ebenazer Spooner, Benjamin Barnes, Stephen Doten, Nathaniel Bartlett & William Ellis Surveyors of the Highways.

And Mr. Elijah Rickard, Jeremiah Holmes and John Kempton Tytheingman.

And Lemuell Jackson, Nehemiah Ripley, Thomas Morton, Eleazer Holmes, Ezekiel Morton and Benjamin Rider Junr Fence Viewers and Field Drivers.

Joshua, Joseph, Nathaniel and John all of whom were in the Continental Army, Joshua as Aide-de-Camp to Gen. Thomas in the expedition to Canada in 1776, Joseph as Major in the Artillery and John on the Medical Staff. Joshua was Judge of Probate of Plymouth County many years and was the father of the late Col. John Boies Thomas, William and Joshua.

And Job Cobb, Zacheus Churchell, George Holmes, Willm Torrey, Abiel Shurtleff, David Turner, Stephen Samson, Walter Rich, Joseph Trask, Ichabod Holmes, Benjamin Morton, Amaziah Churchell, Josiah Morton Junr & Israel Tupper were chosen Hogreeves.

Then the Town Takeing under Consideration the great Damages done by Swine going at Large and Notwithstanding ye good Laws of the Province, in that Case made and provided, yet ye penalty, being so small is Insufficient to Restrain People from Letting out their Swine (whereby much Damage has been done) Though ye Town for many years past Have not allowed or voted that Swine should go at Large. And Therefore the Town voted and made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr To Represent and make application to the Generall Assembly of this Province at the next Seting of the Generall Court That the fine or forfeiture as to swine going at Large In this Town may be Considerably Enlarged, as they in their Wisdom shall think best.

And Then the Town voted That Each and Every Hogreeves power and Duty Extends Throughout the whole Town.

Then ye Town proceeded and made choice of John Harow, Job Morton & Silvanus Bartlett, John Kempton, Thomas Savory and David Turner Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Timber Plank and Boards.

And Ebenezer Spooner, Thomas Spooner Sr Sealers of Leather.

And Benjamin Cornish Abraham Jackson To Take Care Respecting the Province act Relating to the Deer.

And Nathaniel Warren, Joseph Morton, Amaziah Churchell, Capt Nathaniel Delano To Take Care of ye Beach agreable to the Province Law.

At sd Meeting The Town Voted to choose five firewards and for that purpose make choice of Messrs James Hovey Gideon White Major Warren, Joseph Bartlett & Nathaniel Bartlett.

And Gersham Holmes Saxton.

Then the Town voted to purchase an Engine for Extinguishing Fires and that sd Engine be of ye Largest of that sort which is Called Garden Engines and will throw about fifty gallons in a minute, and that George Watson Esqr be desired & Improved to purchase or procure sd Engine for ye Town.

And That Thomas Norrington on Consideration of his Loss by Fire The Town voted to abate his Province, County & Town Rates for ye Last year and the Assessors are direcd to abate the same.

At sd Meeting The Town voted to choose These men to be a Committee and made

[**159.**] choice of Majr James Warren Mr. James Hovey and Capt Gideon White to Consider ye Circumstances of ye Beach or Causway near the Swing Bridge and to ye Northward of it; how and in what manner it is Best for the Town to proceed for ye repairing sd Beach or Causway for the Towns Benefit or otherwise as they shall think most proper; And to make Report at ye next Town meeting.

Also The Town made choice of Mr. James Hovey Majr James Warren & Capt Gideon White to be a Committee To take into Consideration the Safety of the Town stock of Armes & Ammunition; For ye Safety of the Town and sd Town Stock, where and how it may be best to keep ye same &c and to make Report at ye next Town meeting.

Then a vote was Called to know the Towns mind If they will act upon That Paragraff in the Warrant Relating to fenceing in the Burying Hill & no held up, and a Contra vote Called & no hand held up and so voted. Then The Town voted to choose by Written votes Three men to take Care and supply the Grammer School with a well qualifyed School master for & during the Term of one year next after Mr. Mathew Cushings one year of keeping sd school Expires. And made choice of Messrs Thomas Foster Esqr DoctrLazarus LeBarron & Deacon John Torrey a Committe for that purpose. Also voted not to allow more than Four Hundred Pounds old Tenr for keeping sd school to the person sd Committe shall engage to keep sd school the sd one year.

At sd meeting The Town made choice of Messrs Hovey, John Churchell & Nathl Goodwin a Committe To adjust and Settle The Towns accounts with the Late Town Treasurer Thomas Foster Esqr and to Transfer the Towns Books, papers, Bonds, Notes & Money from sd Foster To Deacon Joseph Bartlett who is now chosen Town Treasurer for ye year ensuing.

Also made choice of Messrs Thomas Foster Esqr, James Hovey & Thomas Spooner a Committe To Consider of and

View the spot of Land Ebenezer Samson petitions for that ye Town would sell him opposite his House the Lower side of the Way. And to make Report to the next Town Meeting.

At a Town Meeting assembled and held In ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 11th day of April Anno Dom: 1757 for ye choice of Jurors.

Jabez Holmes, James Shurtleff, Thomas Jackson Junr Benjamin Rider Junr, Samuell Barnes and Lemuel Drew were chosen to serve on the Petitt Jury for Tryalls at ye next Superiour Court of Judicature, Court of Assise &c To be holden at Plymouth Within & for ye County of Plymouth on ye 3d Tuesday of April Currant.

And Thomas Spooner, Deacon John Torrey Nehemiah Ripley & David Turner chosen to serve on ye Grand Jury at sd Court.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and Held In the Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 16th of May Anno Domini 1757.

The Town voted That there shall not be more then one Assemblyman chosen to Represent the Town at ye Great & Generall Court of the Province or the Ensuing Sessions the present year, and then made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr for their Representative, The Currant year at sd Great and General Court.

At sd meeting Thomas Foster Esqr was chosen Moderator.

As to the petition of Lemuel Bartlett as set forth in the Warrant desiring the Town to sell him a piece of Land Adjoyning to ye school House In Wellingsley The

[**160,**] Town voted to choose a Committee to view & Consider The quantity, Circumstances & Situation of sd piece of Land and make Report at the next Town meeting. Then made choice of Messrs Lazarus LeBarron, James Hovey & John Churchell to be sd Committee.

Then the Report of a Committe signed James Hovey, James Warren Junr & Gideon White was Read & accepted which Report is as follows, viz:

The Committe chosen By the Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth at their annaversary Meeting in March Last To Consider the Circumstances of the Beach or Causway near the Swing Bridge and to the Northward of it, how &

in what manner Best for the Town to Proceed for the Repairing the said Beach or Causeway for the Towns Benefit or otherwise as they the Committee shall think proper have Attended that service and Report as follows, viz:

The Comtee are of oppinion that for the Town To Repair said Beach or Causway where the way formerly was Will Be Attended with Great Expence and after all would answer no verry good purpose as nothing more than a foot way could Be with any Conveniency made there.

That a Good Cartway may Be made over the Town Brook from the Southerly corner of Mr. David Turners land and to the neerest Place on the Beach on the opposite side of the Brook which if accomplished will Be of Generall & Common Bennefitt to the whole.

That in order to Accomplish this work it would Be Best for the said Town to Grant all the lands, Dockage & flatts & Beach not already Disposed off on Boath sides the said Brook as it now Runs home to the Easterly Corner of said Turners Lott and so Into the Bay or Harbour Indefinitely To Such Person or Persons as Will accept the same to hold to them their Heirs and Assigns forever upon the Express Condition that they or their Heirs or Assigns shall within such a Time as the Town shall think Propper Build a Good and Convenient Cartway and Bridge as above mentioned of Twenty feet Wide and so high as to Be out of the Reach of ordinary Tides and To keep and maintain the same for Ever, the way to Be kept open and the same Breadth to the way already laid out Below Lands now in the Possession of Mr. Elkanah Watson and that for Default it shall and may Be Lawful for the said Town to Enter upon the Granted Premises as in their own Right, and to hold the same as tho no such Grant had been made.

That a Comtee Be appointed with full Power and authority in the Town's Behalf To Transact this affair to Examine into what Lands &c Belong To the Town Within the proposed Limmitts and To Convey the Premises aforesd under the Restrictions & Limitations aforesd to any Person or Persons that shall undertake the Proposed work;

And that the Town at their own Cost and charge make and maintain a Good and Sufficient way over the Slough or Run of water at the End of the Lane Leading from the Country Road By the Shops Possesed by Mr. Benjamin

Churchell to the Beach on the Southerly side of said Brook.
All which is submitted By

James Hovey
James Warren Junr
Gideon White
Comtee.

Plymouth 16th May 1757.

[161.] At sd meeting The Town again made choice of Messrs James Hovey James Warren Junr & Gideon White a Committe Further to take into Consideration the premises Contained in their Report to Examine and find the Extent of the Towns Right on ye Beach or Lands adjoyning to ye Town Brook or Creek so called and to observe the offers that may be made by any person or persons that may be inclinable to Build for a good Cartway & Bridge over the sd Brook for ye Consideration in sd Report mentioned or otherwise as may be most Beneficial for the Town; and make Report at the next Town meeting or so soon as may be.

As to the Report of ye Committe chose To view & Consider ye small piece of Land That Ebenezer Samson petitioned The Town would sell him and to Report thereon; was Read in Town meeting & not accepted.

As to ye Committes Report Respecting the Transferring The Towns Books, Bonds, Notes & money from Thomas Foster Esqr the Late Town Treasurer unto Deacon Joseph Bartlett the present Town Treasurer &c. was Read & accepted by the Town, with Treasurer Bartletts Rect of the same.

The sd Report is as follows, viz:

The Committee chosen by the Inhabitants of the town of Plymouth at their Anniversary Meeting in March last to adjust & settle the towns accots of the late Treasurer Thomas Foster Esqr and to Transfer the Towns Books, Papers, Bonds, Notes & Money from said Foster to Deacn Joseph Bartlett who is now chosen Town Treasurer for the ensuing year, have attended that service and Report as follows, viz:

That on the 27th of February Last past there was in the Late Treasurers hands due to the Town to Balance their General Acot as then adjusted and accepted By the Town the sum of 6.5.5d.

And that By Taxes & Interest of mile

& half Bonds so called and Twenty Shillings allowed By the Genell Court for the use of the Almes House for the Newtral French, there has been since paid to him				129	7	3⅝
And for Herrings Taken Last year By Thomas Swift				1	10	4¾
Total				£137	3	1⅜
And that their has been paid to Sundry Persons By the late Treasurer, by ordrs from the Selectmen and assessrs & including his Commissions at 2½ per C				134	17	7⅛
So that their was a Ballance in his hands in the Towns favour of				2	5	6¼
We further Report that on said 27th of February 1756 their was in his hands To Ballance the Poor's Accot & that their has Been since paid unto him for the use of the Poor				8	16	3¾
By Silvanus Bartlett for not serving as Constable	5	0	0			
By fines of Thomas Foster & Samuel Bartlett Esqr	0	16	0			
By a fine of Andrew Thomson for Not serving as Constable	5	0	0			
By Ditto of Issac Doten for Ditto	5	0	0			
By Elias Trask note for Ditto	5	0	0	20	16	0
		Total		29	12	3¾
And that he has Since paid out by order of the Selectmen for the use of said Poor	6	0	3			
& Elias Trasks note Remaining not Paid	5	0	0	11	0	3
Remained in his hands Due to Balance this Account				£18	12	¾

[162.] Of which he hath paid the Committe in Cash	8	1	6¾
And Given his Note of hand Payable to the Present Treasurer for the Remainder Being	10	10	6
We Likewise find Remaining Due from John Churchell to Complt the Payment of his note Given for not serving as a Constable more than he paid By Order of the Selectmen	1	13	4
Total	£20	5	4¾

We Likewise find that there are the following Bonds & Securities for Payment of monies arising by the Sale of the mile & half Lands and appropriated to the use of a school.

	Principll in old Tenour			Due for Intrest in old Tenr			Principll in Lawfull Money			Due for Intrest in Law. mo.		
1 James Warren Esqr & John Winslow Esqr Bond Dated Aprill 7th 1733 Principall 21, 14, 0 old Tenour Silver 21 p oz.	51	13	4	51	19	5	6	17	9½	6	18	7¼
2 Deacon Samuel Nellson & Thomas Wethrell Bond 28th February 1738 for 25 Old Tenour, silver a 28	44	12	10	21	7	0	5	19	½	2	16	11¼
3 Josiah Mortons Junr & N. Bradfords Bond 12th May 1749 Principall in New Tenour 21, 3, 2	21	3	2	1	9	4½	11	5	8¼	0	15	8
4 David Turner's & John Harlows Bond 26th Febry 1746 Principall in New Tenr 25, 5, 0 silver a 42	30	1	2	5	14	4½	16	0	7½	3	1	0
5 John Harlow & Samuell Riders Bond for 19½ oz silver Dated March 6 1748							5	17	0	3	5	9
6 Ebenezer Holmes Junr & Thomas Davis Bond 25th June 1750							5	1	7¼	1	15	7
7 John Torrey & Nathaniel Torrey ditto 24th July 1750							4	16	0	Nothing		
8 Timothy Burbanks & John Kempton Ditto 24 July 1751							17	10	0	3	17	0
9 Gershom Holmes & George Holmes Ditto, 19 Nov 1751							6	2	2	0	6	4
10 Perez Tillson & John Churchell Ditto 17 Augst 1753							6	13	4	0	8	0

11	Ebenezer Donham & John Donham Ditto 25 April 1753	2 9 0	Nothing
12	James Shurtleff and Consider Howland Do 25 April 1753	0 14 8	0 3 6
13	Consider Howland & James Shurtleff Ditto 25 April 1753	7 13 4	1 17 6
14	Perez Tillson and Elkanah Watsons Ditto 10 Aprill 1753	15 1 4	3 4 4
15	Nathaniel Warren & John Finneys Ditto 20 July 1753	7 8 2	1 5 4½
16	John Finney & Nathaniel Warren Ditto 20 July 1753	6 7 0	1 2 10½
17	Lemuel Jackson & Nathaniel Jackson Ditto 2nd Janry 1755	16 0 0	0 6 5½
18	Josiah Morton Junr & John Mortons Ditto 2 Janry 1755	4 0 0	0 9 7¼
19	Silvanus Bartlett & David Turner Ditto 21 June 1755	25 17 4	1 10 1½
20	Thomas Spooner & Thomas Spooner Junr Ditto 21 June 1755	9 9 4	0 7 4½
21	Benjamin Bartlett & John Harlow Ditto 21 June 1755	5 15 8½	Nothing
22	George Watson Esqr Note 21 June 1755	8 0 0	0 9 7¼
23	Deacn Joseph Bartlett & Robert Bartletts Bond 4 March 1756	20 10 0	1 4 7½
24	Thomas Jackson & Thomas Jackson Junr Ditto 1 Febry 1756	18 12 1½	1 2 4
25	Silas Morton & Thomas Foster Junr Ditto 8 March 1757	13 6 8	Nothing
26	Thomas Foster Junr & Perez Tillson Ditto 20 Febry 1757	17 18 4	Nothing
27	Silas Morton & Samuell Cole Ditto 13 March 1756	2 1 8	0 2 6
	Totall sum of the Mile & half money	£267 7 11	36 11 11¾
28	John Kemptons Note 29th August 1753 for the Building Yard one year		2 0 0
29	Abial Shurtleff & James Barnebys Obligation about keeping the highway from the Prison to the Mill street Dated 6th August 1709		50 0 0
30	Nathaniel Thomas Esqrs Bond 10th Febry 1711 for keeping the way in Repair at Wellingsley		30 0 0
[163.] 31	Joshua Donhams Bond 7th Decr 1731 for what the Town Did for him in the Small Pox		11 5 0
32	Caleb & Hillkiah Tinkcoms Bond 2nd March 1737 For Indemnifying the Town from Charge in maintaining Sarah Tinkcom		200 0 0
33	Josiah Carvers Bond Dated 22nd Aprill 1723 To Indemnify the Town By Landing men &c		200 0 0

We Likewise find outstanding in the Severall Late Constables Hands as follows, viz:

Lemuell Jackson	in 1750	19 4 10½

Timothy Burbank	in 1750	4	13	9¾
Josiah Carver	in 1751	14	13	3¾
Jonathan Darling	in 1752	16	9	½
George Holmes	in 1753	36	11	3
Cornelius Holmes	in 1754	27	8	4¼
Josiah Churchell	in 1754	21	9	4½
Seth Swift	in 1754	4	1	5
William Clark	in 1755	17	12	10¼
Joseph Morton	in 1756	89	7	11¼
Zacheus Bartlett	in 1756	9	0	11½
		£260	13	1¾

All the foregoing Bonds & Notes & the Respective Ballances in Cash as Before mentioned Together with the Towns Book of Accounts we have Delivered over To Deacon Joseph Bartlett Treasurer of said Town and Taken his Receipt for the same as Below, All which is submitted Plymouth May 13 1757 By

James Hovey
J. Churchell
Committe

N. B. The Intrest upon the foregoing Bonds &c is Cast only to the time when the yearly Intrest on them Become Due.

Recd May 13th 1757 from Messrs James Hovey John Churchell & Nathaniel Goodwin the sum of Two Pounds five shillings & six pence farthing Being the Ballance Due on the Towns Generall account as Before Expressed with the further sum of Eight Pounds one shilling & Six pence three farthings on the Poors accounts, Together with all the foregoing Bonds and Notes & the above mentioned Book of Accounts.

Joseph Bartlett Town Treasurer.

And then voted that the treasurer be Directed to Get all the Bonds Due To the Town In Paper Bills to be Renewed and Reduced to Lawfull money.

Voted that the Treasurer of the Town of Plymouth Be & he hereby is Directed & ordered With all Convenient speed to Call in and Inforce payment of what is outstanding in the several Late Constables Hands and which is now Due from them Respectively to the said Town, and allso that he Call upon Every Person upon whose Bond's there is now any thing Due to the Town for Interest and Inforce Payment of the same and that the Treasurer for the Time Being Be ordered & Directed hereafter To Take Care that the Interest as it hereafter Becomes Due on said Bonds Be Punctually Paid, and that he Prosecute all those who Refuse or neglect to comply with the afore mentioned vote.

At said Meeting the Report of the Committe Respecting

the Town Stock of Armes & Ammunition was Read & is as follows, viz:

The Committe chosen By the Town of Plymouth at their meeting in March Last to Take into Consideration the safety of the Town Stock of Armes & Ammunition for the safety of the Town & said Town Stock and where & how it may Be Best To keep the same &c have considered this affair and are of oppinion that the Almes House where the said stock is now kept is not a Place of Safety for the same

[**164.**] nor can they Recommend any other Place already Built as more Safe, and that unless the Town shall see Cause to Build a small Powder House in some Convenient Place the sd stock is as safe where it now is as it can be in any other Place.

All which is submitted by

James Hovey
James Warren Junr
Gideon White
Committe.

Plymouth 16th May 1757

At said Meeting Elisha Holmes Joseph Lawrance Josiah Morton the 3rd & Timothy Burbanks were chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas & Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth In the County of Plymouth on the Third Tuesday of May Currant.

Was Drawed out of the Jury Box In Presence of Jonathan Diman Constable of Plymouth and the Selectmen of sd Town Andrew Thompson, John Wethrell & Jeremiah Howes to serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryalls at ye Superr Court of Judicature &c now holden in Plymouth within & for ye County of Plymouth.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held In the Court House In Plymouth on Tuesday the 6th day of September Anno Dom 1757 Lemuel Moron, Joseph Treeble and James Barnes were chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryalls at ye next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas and Generall Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth within & for ye County of Plymouth on ye Last Tuesday of September Currant.

Then Doctr Lazarus LeBaron was chosen Moderator.

Then ye Town proceeded as to ye affairs of Repairing the

House of Correction In Plymouth Consequent on ye vote of the Court of Generall Sessions of ye peace held at Plymouth &c on ye 3rd Tuesday of May Last—and voted that ye same shall Be and is Continued to the next Town meeting.

As to that Paragraff in the Warrant for this Meeting viz: To know the Towns mind Relateing to ye Report of a Committee made to sd Town on ye 16th of May Last Respecting ye Circumstances of ye Beach or Causeway near ye Swing Bridge &c, a vote was called to know ye Towns mind if they would act Thereon at this meeting. Voted in the Negative.

George Watson Esqr executor in ye Last will & Testament of John Murdock Esqr late of Plymouth Deceased Informed the Town That sd Mr. Murdock in his sd will & Testament made two Legacyes to the Town, viz:

That he gave to ye Town one Hundred Pounds to ye use of ye poor of sd Town; and one Hundred Pounds to ye use of the Town School, neither of ye sd sums to be Lessoned of ye Capital sum, but ye Interest of ye same to be appropriated to ye uses, particularly above mentioned; forever.

The Town voted Thereon, that the Town Treasurer be directed to Receive ye sd sums of ye Exr of sd John Murdock Esqr by Bonds to him for ye same to be given with good sureties as the Selectmen shall advise and Direct.

And then ye Town voted to Raise one Hundred Pounds money to defray ye Needful charges on the Town ye present year. And that ye Assessors in making ye Rate shall not exceed ye sum of Ten Pounds surplasage.

[**165.**] We the subscribers A Committe chosen by the Town of Plymouth, To take care to procure a Grammar Schoolmaster for the Town Have agreed with Mr. Charles *Cushing to keep sd School for the sum of Fifty Three pounds six shillings & eight pence for one year.
Plymouth Sept 6 1757

Lazarus LeBaron
John Torrey

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Plym-

* Charles Cushing, son of Judge John and Mary (Cotton) Cushing of Scituate, was born in 1734 and died in 1810. He graduated at Harvard in 1755 and after teaching school for a time studied law and was many years Clerk of the Courts in Boston. He had an only son, Charles, of Portsmouth, N. H., and four daughters, who became the wives of Charles Paine, Henry Sheafe, Stephen Codman and Elisha Doane.

outh Assembled & held in the Court House in said Town for the choice of Jurors Messrs David Turner, Thomas Morton John Washburn Junr & Nathaniel Torrey were chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas & Court of Generall Sessions of the peace To Be holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the third Tuesday of this Instant Decembr.

At a Town Meeting assembled and held in the Court House in Plymouth on Monday Decr 26 1757.

At said meeting Deacon *John Torrey chosen Moderator.

Then a vote was called to know the Town's mind if they will build a Pest house convenient for the Reception of any Person or Persons that may be taken sick with the small pox in this Town, voted in the affirmative.

A vote then called to know the Town's mind if they would now choose a Committe to find out and fix upon a suitable spot to build said House and also draw a plan or moddell of said House and to make Report at the adjournment of this meeting and then voted that five persons shall be chosen a Committe on said affair and to make Report as aforesaid. And then made choice of Silvanus Bartlett Deacon Joseph Bartlett, John Harlow Junr Doctr William Thomas and Robert Bartlett to Be said Committe.

At the Request of David Turner as mentioned in the Warrant is Continued (said Turner not Being Present) to the adjournment of this meeting.

Then this meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 28th of this Instant Decr at Two of the Clock in the afternoon.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held In ye Court House in Plymouth on Wednesday the 28th of December A Dom 1757, By Adjournment from ye 26th of Decr Instant.

At sd meeting a vote was called to know the Town's mind if they will proceed to Build a Pest House agreable to their vote of Decr 26th to Build a House, for that use. Voted in the affirmative. The Committee's Report (chosen ye 26th Instant) was then Read as follows:

The Committe to whom was Referred the Consideration of a fit place to set and ye Dimentions of a Pest House,

* John Torrey was the son of Haviland Torrey and born in Plymouth in 1717. He probably married two wives, Deborah Reed in 1741 and Mary Tilley in 1751. He lived in the house now occupied by Loring & Parks, on the corner of Summer St. and the Lane leading to the Almshouse.

Haveing attended that service Report as follows, viz: The best Place for setting ye House is on Capt Allen's Land *near Little Pond, and ye Best Dimentions for sd House one of Thirty Eight feet in Length and Thirteen feet wide agreable to a plan now before you all which is submitted by

Silvanus Bartlett
Joseph Bartlett
John Harlow Junr
William Thomas
Robert Bartlett
Committe.

Piymouth Dec 28 1757.

Then a vote was cvalled to know if ye Town will accept of that part of sd Report which relates to ye place to fix sd House upon. Voted in ye Negative.

And Then voted their non acceptance of the other part of sd Report also Relating to the Dimentions & Moddall of sd House.

[**166.**] And Then the Town voted to set & erect sd Pest House on some part of Towns Land at a place called the *Brick Kilns, and that sd House shall be of the Dimentions following, viz: Twenty Two feet in Length front and Twenty Seven feet in Weadth Back and Seven feet Betwixt Joynts with a Pitch Roof. Then voted to choose a Committe to Build sd Pest House, Either to Farm out ye Building of ye same or otherwise as they may think best for ye Benefit of the Town.

Then voted to choose a Committe of Three persons to effect ye same And voted to choose them by written votes and made choice Messrs James Hovey, Nathan Delano and Silvanus Bartlett to be sd Committe.

And then the Town voted that they will pay such sum or sums of Money to the sd Committe, or to those whom they shall agree with to undertake to build & finish sd House, and Then voted that the sd Committe are to proceed Directly to get ye sd Pest House Built.

Then ye Petition of David Turner was Read Requesting the Town that they would give him Liberty to fence

* The editor knows of no place bearing the name of "Brick Kilns," but about the period referred to in the text a pest house is known to have stood on a lot situated between the South Pond road and the farm many years occupied by the late Samuel Barnes. One or more gravestones may now be seen on the lot.

upon ye Brow of Coles hill adjoyning to his Land. The Town Entered on ye Consideration of the same, and voted That said David Turner have Liberty to Erect a fence on ye Brow of Coles hill, above his Land there, provided that his so fencing shall not be understood to give him Property To any Land belonging to the Town within sd fence; but that the same be and Remain the Towns as it has Done hitherto.

At a Town meeting Assembled and held In ye Court House In Plymouth on Fryday ye 24th day of Febry Anno Domini 1758.

Edward Winslow Esqr Chosen Moderator. At sd meeting Nathl Goodwin, Zephaniah Morton, Alexander Robinson, and Daniel Diman were Chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryalls at the Inferiour Court of Common pleas & Court of Generall Sessions of ye Peace to be holden at Plymouth within & for ye County of Plymouth, on ye First Tuesday of March Next. And Benjamin Rider & Nehemiah Ripley were Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury for the year Ensuing.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth assembled and held in ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday the 13th day of March Anno Domini 1758. Capt. Josiah Morton Chosen Moderator & sworn. Samuel Bartlett Esqr Chosen Town Clerk & took ye Usuall oaths.

Messrs Capt Josiah Morton, Edward Winslow & George Watson Esqrs, Deacon Joseph Bartlett & Silvanus Bartlett Chosen Selectmen and took the Usuall oath.

Nathaniel Goodwin, Silvanus Bartlett & Israel Tupper Chosen Assessors.

Deacon Joseph Bartlett, Chosen Town Treasurer. Then ye Votes for a County Treasurer was Brot in & sealed up in open Town Meeting by Ezekiel Rider Constable.

[**167.**] Then a vote was Called to Know if the Town will choose a Committe to supply the Grammer school for more than one year, no hands held up.

Then Voted to choose a Committe for supplying the Grammer school for one year to Commince from the conclusion of the last years schooling and made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr, Doctr Lazarus LeBaron & Deacn John Torrey to be said Committe to supply the Grammar school with a suitable schoolmaster for the year ensuing.

Then a vote was Called by Written Votes yeas & Nays to know the Towns mind if they will give more than 40£ Lawfull money p year to a Schoolmaster to Keep the Grammer School for one year as abovesd.

Those that are for Giving more than 40£ Lawfull money to write yea & the others Nay. The Votes in is in favour of the Nays.

Then Voted that said Committe Give but 40£ to a schoolemaster for said year.

Then a vote was Called to Know if the Town will allow more than 6d on the pound to the Constables or Collectors for Collecting and paying in the Towns money the Preasant year. Voted they would allow more & then voted (the Constables should be Collectors) to allow 8d on the pound for Collecting & paying in the same on the same Conditions as the last year.

And made Choice of Nathaniel Shurtleff, Jonathan Churchell & Joseph Lawrence Constables in three Distinct parts of the Town viz, one to the Northward of the Town Brook (so called) one from said Brook southward to the second Precinct line & the third in the second Precinct. And then this meeting was adjourned to Monday the 20th Day of this Instant March at Ten of the Clock in the forenoon.

A Town meeting assembled & held In ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 20th day of March Anno Dom: 1758 By adjournment from Monday ye 13th of this Instant March.

At sd meeting the Town Voted that they would Excuse Joseph Lawrance from serving as Constable the present year for Reasons, as they Judge Sufficient to Excuse him.

And then the Town made Choice of Israel Clark to serve as Constable the Ensuing year. He accepted.

Nathaniel Shurtleff being chosen Constable comes in & Declares his Refusall to serve in sd office. And then a vote was Called to Know if the Town will choose a man to prosecute sd Shurtleff for his sd Refusall. Voted in ye Negative.

At sd meeting John Kempton & Jonathan Churchell were Chosen Constables, they both accepted and sworn.

Capt. Theophilus Cotton, John May, Ichabod Holmes, Josiah Morton the third, Benjamin Cornish and Israel Tupper Chosen Surveyors of the Highways.

James Hovey & Silvanus Bartlett chosen Clerks of ye Market.

Caleb Stetson, Eleazer Holmes & Joseph Bates chosen Tytheingmen.

Israel Tupper, Joseph Warren, Elkanah Churchell, Silvanus Bramhall, Benjamin Barnes and Abner Holmes chosen Fence Viewers and Field Drivers.

Ebenezer Samson, Nathaniel Donham Junr, Job Morton,

[168.] William Rider, Caleb Stetson, John Blackmer, George Holmes, Ebenezer Nelson & Lemuell Jackson Chosen Hogreeves.

John Harlow, Job Morton, Silvanus Bartlett, John Kempton, Thomas Savorey & David Turner Chosen Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Plank, Timber and Boards.

Ebenezer Spooner & Thomas Spooner Junr Sealers of Leather.

Benjamin Cornish & Joseph Lucas Chosen to take care in ye Deer Act as by Law provided.

Nathaniel Warren, Amaziah Churchell & Ezekiel Morton To Take Care of the Beach as by Law provided.

George Watson Esqr, James Hovey, James Warren Esqr, Deacon Joseph Bartlett & Nathl Bartlett Chosen Firewards.

Gershom Holmes Chosen Saxton.

Job Morton, Silvanus Bartlett, Benjamin Bartlett, Amos Donham, Thomas Jackson Junr & James Drew Chosen Packers of fish &c agreable to a Late Law of this Province Intitled An Act or further addition to an Act Intitled an Act for Regulateing the Assize of Casks and preventing Deceit in packing Fish &c.

And then the Town Voted That no alewives shall be Taken for sale this year In the Town Brook so Called.

Also Voted That not more then Two Hundred Barrells of Alewives shall be taken this year for sale; In ye other streams or Brooks within this Town.

Then the Town made Choice of Messrs Thomas Foster Edward Winslow George Watson Esqr Mr. James Hovey & Deacon John Torrey to be a Committe to make an Estimate of the Costs of paveing the streets in Plymouth and to make application to ye Generall Assembly for Liberty of a Lottery in order to Defray ye Charges of paveing the same.

Then the Town Voted that the Selectmen take the Care of ye Repaireing the House of Correction & Almes House in Compliance with ye Vote of the Court of Sessions Re-

specting the same. As to ye Petition of William Sergeant Desireing the Town will Consider & allow him for Damages he sustained by Removeing his Family & Business, by Reason of the Small Pox as set forth in ye warrant for this meeting. Voted that the Selectmen are desired to act in that affair & Consider the Damages he suffered, and how much he aught to be allowed by ye Town if any, and whether ye Town must pay his Damages, or ye persons by Reason of whom, he was put to ye Trouble & Costs.

As to Raiseing money to Defray the charges of the Pest House Is Continued to the Next Town Meeting.

[**169.**] At this meeting Silvanus Bartlett, John May, Ebenezer Spooner, Silvanus Bramhall & James Drew are Chosen to take Care of the Herring Brook, is ye Town Brook so called. Respecting the Benefit of the fish Called Alewives &c.

At a Town Meeting assembled & held in the Court house in Plymouth on Monday Aprill the 3rd 1758.

Ebenezer Spooner, Nathaniel Torrey, Thomas Jackson & Silvanus Bramhall were Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury at the Superiour Court of Judicature &c next To be holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the last Tuesday of this Instant Aprill. And Josiah Johnson, Thomas Savorey, Benjamin Cornish Junr, Samuel Donham Junr Ebenezer Nellson & John Russell* were Chosen to serve in the Petit Jury at the Court above mentioned.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held at ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday the 29th day of May Anno Dom: 1758.

At sd meeting a vote was Called to Know if the Town would Choose more then one Representative to Represent them at the Genl Court this present year. There was no hand held up. Then ye Town Voted That they will Choose one Representative And then George Watson Esqr was Chosen to Represent ye Town at the Great and Generall Court & Assembly to be holden at Boston on Wednesday the Last Day of this Instant May for the year Ensuing.

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* John Russell was the American ancestor of the Russell family of Plymouth. He came to Plymouth from Greenneck in Scotland about 1750 or earlier having been born in that place in 1728. In 1759 he bought and occupied the house on Main street next South of the new Bank building. His children were John, James. Thomas, Mercy, Abigail, Nancy, Nathaniel, Jane, George and Charles. He died and was buried in Middleboro, April 2, 1776.

At a Town Meeting assembled & held in the Court house in Plymouth on Monday the 28th day of August Anno Domini 1758.

Capt. Josiah Morton Chosen Moderator & sworn by taking the oath appointed. In Referrance to the publick bills of Creadt of the Neighbouring Governments. Then Voted to raise the sum of one hundred & seventy five pounds money to Defray the Necessary charges of the Currant year.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held in the Courthouse in Plymouth on Monday the 18th day of September A Dom: 1758 Barnabas Churchell Junr & Caleb Stetson was Chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Trialls At ye next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas and Court of Generall Sessions of ye Peace to be holden at Plymouth Within & for ye County of Plymouth on the Last Tuesday of this Instant September.

At a meeting of ye Freeholders &c of ye Town of Plymouth assembled & held in the Court House in sd Town, on Tuesday ye 26th of December Anno Dom: 1758, for the Choice of Jurors, Melatiah Lothrop, Zacheus Curtis, George Holmes & Elkanah Waterman were chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryalls, at ye next Superior Court of Common Pleas & Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth within & for ye County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of Janry next.

[**170.**] A Town Meeting Regularly Assembled and held in the Court House in Plymouth on Monday the Twelveth day of March Annoqui Domini 1759.

At sd meeting Doctor Lazarus LeBaron was Chosen Moderator, and Sworn by Thomas Foster Esqr Just of ye Peace.

And Samuel Bartlett Esqr Chosen Town Clerk and sworn by Edward Winslow Esqr Just of the Peace.

And Messrs Josiah Morton, Edward Winslow Esqr, George Watson Esqr, Deacon Joseph Bartlett & Silvanus Bartlett Chosen Selectmen, Messrs James Hovey, Silvanus Bartlett and Nathaniel Bartlett were Chosen Assessors, Deacon Joseph Bartlett Chosen Town Treasurer. Then the vote for a County Treasurer was Brot in & sealed up, in open Town Meeting by John Kempton Constable.

Then ye Question was put Whether it be ye mind of the Town That Reading and Writeing schools be set up for ye same time and under ye same Regulations, as has been,

for two or three years past, at each end of the Town, and that sd schools shall be continued for three years to come from ye 27th day of September next. Voted in the Affirmative. The Town proceeded and made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr, Doctor Lazarus LeBaron and Deacon John Torrey To be a Committee to supply ye Grammar School for one year from this date with a suitable Schoolmaster and to agree with him to keep said school for sd one year for Fifty three pounds, six shillings and eight pence in case they Cannot obtain a suitable Schoolmaster short of that sum. And then voted that ye Constables to be Chosen for ye Present year shall be allowed eight pence on ye pound for Collecting and paying in Seasonably the Towns money agreable to ye Warrants they may have to Collect, Provided they give Bonds to ye Town Treasurer To Indemnify ye Town & save harmless from all or any trouble or Charge that may arise by their Deficiency or Neglect.

And that in ye Choice of Constables (to be 3 in number) and ye highest in vote in ye Three Divisions of ye Town (as Usuall heretofore) shall be the Constables Chosen.

The Town proceeded and made Choice of John Russell, Ichabod Holmes, & Eleaser Ellis to serve as Constables for the present year.

The Town Voted That a Committee be Chosen to view ye Beach and Causeway at and near ye Swing Bridge so Called and take into their consideration, the premises, and to Determine what may be best for ye Town to do in that affair. And to make Report Therein at the Adjournment of this meeting.

[171.] And Accordingly made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr George Watson & James Warren Esqrs, Mr. James Hovey and Deacon Joseph Bartlett: To be sd Committee.

Then ye Report of the Committee was Read founded on the Petition of William Sergeant, as Entered March ye 20th 1758 Which Report is viz, We the Subscribers haveing met & Considered the within Request of the Town of Plymouth, and also heard ye Prayer of William Sergeant Respecting the Damages he sustained by Reason of his Removall on acct of ye small pox, are of opinion, That he aught to be allowed the sum of Five pounds, six Shillings & Eight pence Lawfull money, and that he have an order at present on ye Town Treasurer for sd sum, and would further Informe ye

Town That all Circumstances Considered are of opinion That ye Town of Plymouth be Chargeable with one half of sd sum and That Coll Thomas Doty pay ye sum of forty shillings, and ye widdow Hannah Jackson pay ye sum of Thirteen Shillings & four pence, Being the other half of the sum first mentioned.

Josiah Morton
Geo. Watson
Joseph Bartlett
Edward Winslow
Silvanus Bartlett

The Town voted the acceptance of ye sd Report and ordered That the Town Treasurer be, and is hereby directed & Impowered To Demand and Receive of Coll Thomas Doty ye abosd Sum of Forty Shillings and of ye Widdow Hannah Jackson sd 0, 13, 4d for the Towns use.

At sd meeting Silas Morton, John Torrey James Warren Esqr, Silvanus Bartlett, Nathll Warren, Benjamin Cornish & Benja Rider Junr were Chosen Surveyors of ye Highways.

At sd meeting Ebenezer Spooner & Deacon Elisha Holmes were Chosen Grand jurors for the year Ensuing And Jeremiah Holmes, Nathll Churchill, Zacheus Mendall & Samuell Sherman Chosen Petit Jurors for trialls to serve at ye Next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas & Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace, to be holden at Plymouth within & for ye County of Plymouth on ye first Tuesday of April Next.

And then This meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 26th Day of this Instant March at Two of ye Clock in ye Afternoon.

A Town Meeting assembled and held in ye Court House in Plymouth on Monday the 26th day of March A D 1759 by adourjnment from Monday the 12th Currant. At sd meeting, it is ordered That the affair of the Beach & Causeway at and near the Swing Bridge so Called shall & is put of and Continued to the Next Town Meeting, and The Report of the Committee Chosen ye 12th of March To be laid before ye Town at sd meeting Respecting the said Beach &c

[172.] At sd meeting The Town voted At ye Request of Ichabod Holmes & John Russell who are two of ye Constables Chosen, and with the desire of Mr. Thomas Spooner That the sd Spooner In Lieu of both of them shall be Collector of the Publick Taxes for ye present year, and he to

have ye 8 d on ye pound, voted to allow them for collecting and Seasonable paying in the Town's moneys provided he shall give Bonds to ye Town Treasurer with Suretyes, To Endemnify & save harmless The sd Town from all Charges & Costs that may arise by his Deficiency or Neglect.

Then ye Town proceeded and made Choice of the Below named officers to serve in their Respective offices.

Messrs James Hovey Silvanus Bartlett Clerks of the Market

John May, James Holmes, Job Cobb John Atwood Benjamin Barnes, Joseph Warren, Amasiah Churchell, Thomas Swift, Fence Viewers & Field Drivers.

Abner Holmes John Atwood Stephen Samson, Gershom Holmes, Thos Spooner Junr, Benja Churchell, Eleaser Holmes, David Turner, Lemuell Bartlett, Ezekiel Morton, Thomas Bumpus, Joseph Lawrence, Hogreaves.

David Turner, William Rider, Jonathan Diman, Titheingmen.

John Harlow, David Turner, Job Morton, Silvanus Bartlett, John Kempton, Thomas Savery, Surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of Timber, Plank & Boards.

Ebenezer Spooner, Thomas Spooner Junr, Sealers of Leather.

William Ellis Junr Joseph Lucas, To Take care of the Deer Act agreeable to ye law in yt Case made & provided

Nathl Warren, Amaziah Churchell, Ezekiel Morton To Take Care of ye Beach agreeable to ye Law in that case made & provided.

George Watson & James Warren Esqrs, James Hovey Joseph Bartlett & Nathll Bartlett, Firewards.

Gershom Holmes Saxton

Job Morton, Benjamin Bartlett, Silvanus Bartlett, Amos Donham, Thomas Jackson Junr, James Drew, Chosen Packers of fish &c agreeable to a Late Law of this Province Intitled an Act in further addition to an Act Intitled an Act for Regulating the assize of Casks, and preventing Deceit in packing Fish &c.

[**173.**] Then the Town voted that no Alewives shall be taken for sale this present year in the Town Brook so called.

Also voted That not more than Two Hundred Barrells of Alewives shall be taken this year for sale on the other streames and Brooks within this Town.

And then made Choice of Silvanus Bartlett, John May, Silvanus Bramhall James Drew Ebenezer Spooner To Take Care of ye Herring Brook.

Also the Town made Choice of Thomas Foster Esqr Deacon John Torrey, & John Russell to be a Committee to examine and take into their Consideration the affairs & circumstances of Mrs. Sarah Little widdow, In Regard to her Concerns with Benja Bartlett and Jonathan Samson &c and to make Report at the Next Town Meeting.

Then the Town Voted That the same persons that were the Committees, Respectively to have the Care and Regulation of the severall additional Schools in ye Town for ye three Last years shall still be Committes for ye Regulation of sd schools Respectively for ye three years next to Come.

At a Town Meeting assembled & held in the Court House in Plymo on Monday the 2nd day of April Anno Domini 1759 for the choice of Jurors for the Superiour Court of Judicature &c to be holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the last tuesday of April Currant.

At said meeting Messrs Gideon White, Abner Holmes, Thomas Holmes, Nathaniel Donham, Samuel Lanman, & James Drew Chosen to serve on the Petit Jury at said Court.

A Town Meeting assembled and held In the Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 21st day of May A. Dom. 1759 At sd meeting the Town voted to Choose but one Representative to Represent them at the Great and Generall Court (for ye year Ensuing) To be Convened at Boston on Wednesday the 30th day of this Instant May

And then made Choice of James Warren Esqr to be Moderator.

Then the Report of a Committee was Read which Report is as follows viz. The Committe Chosen by the Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth at their Anniversary Meeting in March Last To View the Beach & Causeway at & near the Swing Bridge, so called, and take into their Consideration the Premises, and to Determine what may be best for ye Town to do in that affair, haveing attended that service Report as follows, viz—The Committee are of opinion, that for the Town to Repair the sd beach or Causeway where the way formerly went will be attended with great expense, and after all would answer no very good purpose, as nothing more than a foot way can with any convenience be made there.

That a Good Cartway may be made over ye Town Brook from the Southerly Corner of Mr. David Turner's Land to ye nearest place on the Beach on ye opposite side of the [174.] Brook, which if accomplished The Committee are of opinion will be of great Advantage to the Town in Generall.

That in order to Accomplish this work It would be best for the sd Town to Grant all the lands, Beach, Dockage and Flats (Not already disposed of) Bounded Begining at the West Corner of the Wharfe, now possessed by Benjamin Churchell, and from thence No. 30 Degrees West on a Straite Line to ye fence which Divides the Land now possessed by Elizabeth Curtis, from those possessed by Hannah Dyer, and from thence Easterly by said Curtis's land to the Land of Lemuel Drew, and so in his Range to the sd Turner's Southerly Corner before mentioned. And from thence No. 78 Degrees East in his Range to the East Corner of his wharfe and so on the same Range into the Bay or Harbour, so far as Convenient for Wharfeing and from thence to Extend So-Easterly to ye North Easterly End of ye Line, Dividing the Land now possessed by Mr. Elkanah Watson from the Land Lately the estate of Jonathan Barnes Deceased, and so by sd Watsons Land to the sd Churchells Wharfe, and so by the sd Wharfe to the first Bound. To such Person or Persons as will accept ye same. To Hold to him or them and His or their Heirs or Assigns forever upon this Express Condition, That he or they and his or their Heirs or Assigns shall within such a time as the Town shall think proper Build a good and Convenient Cartway and Bridge of twenty foot wide, and so high as to be out of the Reach of ordinary Tides over and above the Town Brook aforsd, And to keep and maintain the sd way open and in good Repair forever, and to allow the sd way to be continued and of the same Bredth across the Beach, to ye way Laid out below sd Watsons Land; and that for Default herein it shall and may be Lawfull for ye sd Town to Enter upon ye sd Granted Premises, with the appurtenances, as in their own Right and hold the same as fully & Completely as tho' no such Grant had been made.

That a Committee be appointed with full power and Authority, In the Town's Behalf to transact this affair; and to Convey the premises aforsd under the Restrictions and Limi-

tations aforsd, to any Person or Persons that shall undertake the propos'd work. And that the Town, at their own Cost and Charge make & Maintain a Good & Sufficient Cartway over the Slough or Run of water at the End of the Lane Leading from the Country road by the shop of sd Churchell to the Beach, on the Southerly side of said Town Brook; and Choose a Committee with power to Effect the same as soon as any Persons shall undertake to Build across ye Town Brook as aforsd, all which is Submitted by

Thomas Foster
George Watson
James Warren
Joseph Bartlett
James Hovey

Plymo 21 May 1759 Committee

Then the Town voted their acceptance of the sd Committees Report and made Choice of the Abovenamed Thomas Foster, George Watson, James Warren, Joseph Bartlett & James Hovey to be a Committee to act and do, in the Town's Behalf, Relateing to the premises Contained in the abovsd Report, and agreeable Thereto. Respecting Mrs. Little, Nothing to be Recorded. See the minits of the [**175.**] meeting, the Report on file. Then a Vote was Called to Know the Town's mind, If they will give up Caleb Tinkcam's Deceased's Bond to the Town, upon ye Heirs of sd Caleb paying Twenty Dollars to ye Town's Treasurer for sd Town's use. Voted in the affirmative.

And then a Vote was Called to Know if ye Town Would Choose a Committee to Examin and Determine what moneys upon the Town's Bonds due, are Doubtfull and to advise with the Town Treasurer In order to get better Security. Voted In the Affirmative And made Choice of Thomas Foster and Edward Winslow Esqr and John Churchell a Committee for that purpose.

A Town meeting Assembled and held at the Court House in Plymouth on Wednesday ye 27th day of June A D 1759 for ye Choice of Jurors. At sd meeting Job Morton & William Torrey were Chosen to serve on the Petit Jury for Trialls, at the Next Inferiour Court of Common Please and Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth within and for ye County of Plymo on the first Tuesday of July next.

A Town Meeting Assembled & held in the Court House in Plymouth on Monday the 27th day of August A. D. 1759 for the Choice of Jurors Thomas Jackson, Silvanus Bartlett, Josiah Whittemore and William Bartlett were Chosen to serve on the Petit Jury For Trialls at the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace & Inferiour Court of Common Pleas next to be holden at Plymouth on the first Tuesday of October next.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held in the Court House in Plymouth on Monday the 27th day of August Anno Domini 1759 Capt. Josiah Morton was Chosen Moderator & sworn before Edward Winslow Esqr. At said meeting the Town voted to raise the sum of Two Hundred & ten pounds Lawfull money to defray the necessary charges of the Town this Present Year.

A Town Meeting Assembled & Held at Plymouth on Thursday ye 13th Decm 1759 For the Choice of Jurors.

Messrs Cornelius Holmes, Silas Morton John Howard & Ebenezer Samson were Chosen to serve on the Petit Jury for Tryalls at the next Court of Generall Sessions of the peace & Inferiour Court of Common Pleas next to be holden at Plymouth within & for the said County of Plymouth, on the first tuesday of January next.

At a meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth Assembled & held in the Court House in Plymouth on Monday the 10th day of March Anno Domini 1760 the below mentioned Persons were Chosen into their respective offices, viz

Edward Winslow Esqr Chosen Moderator & took the oath apointed by law Before Samuell Bartlett Esqr.

Samuel Bartlett Esqr Chosen Town Clerk & sworn Before Edward Winslow Esqr.

George Watson Esqr Edward Winslow Esqr Deacn Joseph Bartlett, Silvanus Bartlett & Capt. Josiah Morton, Selectmen

[176.] Silvanus Bartlett Nathaniel Bartlett Deacn John Torrey Assessors

Edward Winslow Esqr Town Treasurer

Thomas Mayhew, George Watson Esqr & James Warren Esqr a Committee to examine the late Town Treasurer's Books, papers & Accounts & Transfer them to the Treasurer now Chosen.

The Vote for a County Treasurer was Brott in & sealed up by the Constable John Russell in open Town Meeting.

Thomas Foster Esqr Doctr Lazs LeBarron Deacn John Torrey a Committee to Supply the Grammar School for one year next Ensuing with a suitable person to keep sd school for sd term, to allow & give him fifty three pounds six shillings & eight pence if they can't procure one for less.

The further transacting the affairs of the Schools in Town Continued till the Adjournment of this meeting

Eleazer Churchill, Thomas Jacyson Junr Zachius Mendall Constables & to be Collectors

Voted to allow the Constables for Collecting in & paying out the Towns money eight pence on the pound a Premium Provided They Give Bonds to the Town Treasurer to Indemnify & save the Town harmless from all charge that may arise through their Deficiency or Neglect.

Capt. Samll Nicholas Nellson Gideon White, Silvanus Bartlett Jonathan Churchill Joseph Warren Israel Tupper Ebenezer Samson Benjamin Cornish Surveyors of the Highways.

Job Morton, Benjamin Bartlett Silvanus Bartlett, Amos Donham Thomas Jackson Junr & James Drew Chosen packers of fish & Gaugers of Casks Agreeable to the last years vote

John May Nehemiah Ripley, Timothy Burbank, Nathaniel Foster & David Turner to take Care of the Herring Brook agreeable to the law of the Province Respecting the takg Alewives therein.

James Hovey & Silvanus Bartlett Clerks of the Market Daniel Diman William Rider & Silvanus Bramhall Thitheingmen.

Abner Holmes Nathaniel Donham Junr, William Torrey, Gershom Holmes Jonathan Churchill Walter Rich, Joseph Lawrence, Samuel Shareman, Ezekiel Morton, Ichabod Shaw & Jonathan Bartlett Hogreaves

Ebenezer Spooner, Thomas Spooner Junr Sealers of leather

Joseph Lucas & William Ellis to take Care of the Act Respecting Deer

George Watson Esqr James Warren Esqr James Hovey, Joseph Bartlett & Nathaniel Bartlett Firewards

[**177.**] John May James Holmes Job Cobb, John At-

wood, Benjamin Barnes Joseph Warren, Amaziah Churchell & Thomas Swift Fence Viewers & Field Drivers

John Harlow, David Turner Job Morton Thomas Savery Silvanus Bartlett & Jno Kempton Surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of Timber, Plank & boards

James Warren Esqr Gideon White & Amaziah Churchell to take care of the beach agreeable to the Act of this Province Respecting it, & are hereby Impowered by the Town to Prosecute any Persons that shall cutt or Carry off any wood from the Beach.

At said Meeting Voted that none of the fish Called Alewives shall be taken in the Town Brook for Sale this year and not more than 200 barrells of sd fish shall be taken for sale in other brooks & streams within this Town.

As to the affair of the strip of land & Sedge flat viz the Strip of land lying near Warrens Wells & the Sedge flatt now Improved by Ezekial Morton lying in or near Ell River, Voted to Choose a Committee to Examine & Consider the Same & to make Report at the time this meeting Shall be Adjourned to, or as soon as they can, and accordingly made Choice of Thomas Foster Esqr Capt. Nathan Delano James Hovey, John Churchell & Gideon White for that purpose.

Ebenezer Spooner & Jonathan Diman Chosen Grand Jurymen for the year Ensuing

And Deacn Robert Harlow William Watson Ebenezer Churchell & David Turner Junr Chosen to serve the Petit Jury at the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas & Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth within & for the said County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of April next

Gershom Holmes Chosen Saxton.

And then this meeting was adjourned to Monday the 24th day of this Instant March at two of the Clock in the afternoon & then to be held in the Court House in Plymouth.

A Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth Assembled & held at ye Court House in sd Town, By Adjournment from Monday the Tenth day of March Instant To this 24th day of March Anno Domini 1760.

At sd meeting The Town voted to Reconsider that Clause of ye vote that passed the Last Town Meeting Respecting the Alewives viz That none of ye fish Called Alewives Shall be

taken In ye Town Brook for sale and to proceed & Consider further as to takeing sd fish. A vote being Called to know the Towns mind If they will take any of sd fish Called Alewives in ye Town Brook (so Called) for sale the present year—Voted in the Affirmative.

And then voted that the Town do allow to be Catched or taken in sd Brook for sale a Quantity of sd Fish, not exceeding Three Hundred Barrells for sale, and the whole of that affair Shall be under The Regulation of the Selectmen (of sd Town) agreeable to ye Laws of this Province now in force Respecting sd fish.

Ebenezer Spooner Comes in & manifests his Refusal of Serving as Grandjuryman, he haveing served in that office the Last year. The Town proceeded & made Choice of Ebenezer Donham to serve as Grandjuryman the year Ensuing.

[178.] Upon the motion made by Silvanus Bartlett. He desires (for Reasons Given) that ye Town would Excuse him from serving as an assessor into which office he was Chosen for the Ensuing year. A vote being Called passed in The Affirmative.

And then the Town made Choice of Mr James Hovey to be an Assessor for the present year. Eleazer Churchell & Thomas Jackson Junr who were Chosen Constables for ye present year came into the meeting & Desired the Town to accept of Josiah Churchell to serve as Constable in their Room, And the Town voted their acceptance of him.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held In the Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 14th of April A. D. 1760 For the Choice of Jurors to serve at the next Superior Court of Judicature &c To be Holden at Plymo Within & for the County of Plymouth on the Last Tuesday of this Instant April.

Messrs Gideon White, John Torrey Ebenezer Spooner John Churchell Chosen to serve on the Grandjury.

And Nathaniel Bartlett Thomas Swift Nehemiah Ripley Thomas Spooner Junr Thomas Davis Isaac Harlow Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of ye Town of Plymouth Duly Qualified Assembled and held in ye Court House in sd Town, On Monday the Nineteenth of May A. D. 1760, The Town Voted to Choose but one Repre-

sentative to Represent them at the Great and Generall Court of this Province for ye year Ensuing and accordingly made Choice of George Watson Esqr to be their Representative. He Desired the Town to excuse him. The Town proceeded & made Choice of Thomas Foster Esqr to be their Representative, to Represent them at the Great & Generall Court abovsd, for the year Ensuing.

And then the Town made Choice of Doctr Lazarus Le-Barron to be Moderator for the present meeting & took ye Usuall oath. At this Meeting the Selectmen of ye Town Regulated the Jury Boxes agreeable to a Late Act or Law of the Generall Assembly of this Province.

Then the report of a Committee Chosen in March Last to Examine the Late Town Treasurers Books, papers & accounts and to Transfer them to the Treasurer then Chosen was Read & accepted which is as follows. A list of bonds due the Town of Plymouth taken May 15 1760

	Principall.			Intrest.		
Deacn Bartlett & Robert Bartlett bond March 4 1756	20	10	0	0	0	0
Elkanah Watson & Thomas Spooner Do May 11 1760	9	9	4	1	10	4
Benjamin Bartlett & John Harlow Do to June 28st 1759	5	15	9	0	0	0
Silvanus Bartlett & David Turner Do to June 21st 1760	25	17	4	2	13	6½
[**179**] Josiah Morton Junr & N Bradford bond May 12th 1749 Cast to May 4th 1760	9	17	8¾	0	12	3
John Finney & Nat Warren Ditto Febry 20th 1753 Due April 1 1760	6	7	0	0	0	0
Nat Warren & John Finney Ditto Febry 28th 1753 due March 17th 1760	7	8	2	0	8	10½
Josiah Morton Junr & John Morton Ditto Janry 2nd 1755 due Janry 2nd 1760	4	0	0	0	4	9½
Consider Howland & James Shurtleff Ditto Ap 25th 1753 Cast to Apr 25th 1760	7	13	4	3	4	5
Ebenezer Donham & John Donham Ditto April 15th 1753 due Dec. 25th 1759	2	9	0	0	8	10
Perez Tillson & John Churchill Ditto Aug 17 1753 due Febry 17th 1760	6	13	4	0	12	0
Gershom Holmes & George Holmes Ditto Nov 29th 1751 due May 19th 1760	6	2	2	0	7	7
James Warren & Nathaniel Goodwin Ditto Nov 15th 1757 due Nov 15th 1759	6	17	9	0	0	0
Timothy Burbank & John Kempton Augst 24th 1751	17	10	0	3	10	10
John Torrey & Nat Torrey Ditto July 24th 1750 due Febry 17th 1760	11	16	0	0	0	0
Perez Tillson & Elkanah Watson Ditto April 10th 1753 due Apr 10th 1760	15	1	4	3	10	7

Ebenezer Holmes & Thomas Davie Ditto June 25th 1731 due Ap 15th 1760	5	1	7	0	6	6
John Harlow & Samuel Rider Ditto March 6th 1744 due March 6th 1760	6	7	4	0	19	4½
David Turner & John Harlow Ditto Febry 26th 1746 due May 26th 1760	13	9	4	0	14	4¼
John Nellson & Lemuel Morton Ditto Febry 8th 1759 due Febry 8th 1760	5	19	½	0	7	1½
Edward Winslow & Gideon White Ditto Sep 10th 1757 due Mar 10th 1760	60	15	8	5	9	4½
James Shurtleff & Consider Howland Ditto Ap 25th 1753 due Ap 25th 1760	0	14	8	0	6	1½
Benjamin Barnes & Josiah Rider Ditto Ap 20th 1759 due Ap 20th 1760	13	6	8	0	16	0
Seth Morton & Job Morton Ditto May 30th 1759 Intrest 1 year	66	13	4	4	0	0
Thomas Jackson bond Febry 1st 1756 4 years Intrest	18	12	1½	4	9	0
Thomas Jackson Junr & Perez Tillson bond Febry 20th 1757 with 3 years Intrest	17	18	4	3	4	6
John Kemptons Note Augst 18th 1752	2	0	0	0	0	0
Eleazer Churchell & Josiah Churchell bond Apr 28th 1759 with 1 years Intrest	20	0	0	1	4	0
James Howard & Josiah Churchell bond May 9th 1759 with 1 years Intrest	13	6	8	0	16	0
	£400	12	11¾	£39	16	4¾

& outstanding in the hands of the Constables viz:

Timothy Burbank Constabel in 1757		4	13	9¾
Jonathan Darling	Do 1752	7	7	3
George Holmes	Do 1753	13	2	4¾
Cornelius Holmes	Do 1754	5	15	11½
Seth Swift	Do 1754	4	1	5
Ezekiel Rider	Do 1757	1	11	2½
John Kempton	Do 1758	42	16	11¼
Thomas Spooner	Do 1759	130	18	11
		£226	19	1¼

[180.] We the Subscribers being Chosen a Committe by the Town of Plymouth at their meeting on March last To Examine the late Town Treasurers books, papers & accounts & transfer them to the treasurer then Chosen have attended that service & Report as follows viz that on the sixteenth day of this Instant May there was in the late Treasurers hands in money not hired out £46 4 0d

There was allso of the poors money in his hand 15 2 10¾

£61 6 10¾

And that the Town was Indebted to him the sum of 49 5 5¼

So there remains on his hands due to the Town £12 1 5½

Which sum he has now paid to us & we delivered to the new Treasurer Edward Winslow Esqr £12, 1—5½

We allso find sundry bonds as p the Foregoing list amounts to 400-12-11d

Principall, Interest due thereon as p list 39, 16, 4½

Which we have likewise Rec'd & delivered to the new Treasurer, we allso find two notes of hand for the poors money amountg to 15-10-6d which we have allso Delivered him agreeable to his Rect below, we allso find outstanding in the Severall Constables hands the sum of two hundred & twenty six pounds nineteen shillings & one penny ½d as is aforementioned & particularly express'd.

All of which is Submitted p Thomas Mayhew James Warren Geo. Watson Committee

Plymouth 17th 1760

Rec'd May 17th 1760 From Messrs Thos Mayhew, Geo. Watson & James Warren the sum of twelve pounds one Shelling & 5½d being the ballance due from the late Treasurer together with all the foregoing bonds notes & book of Accounts.

Edward Winslow Town Treasurer.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held in Plymo on ye 16th day of June A. D. 1760 John Russell & Elkanah Churchell Junr was Chosen to serve on the Petite Jury At ye Inferiour Court of Common Pleas & Court of Generall Sessions of ye peace to be holden at Plymouth within and for ye County of Plymouth, on the First Tuesday of July next.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held In the Court House in Plymo on Monday ye 18th day of August Anno Domini 1760 George Watson Esqr Chosen Moderator and took the Usuall oath, and then ye Town proceeded & voted to raise the sum of one hundred & Sixty Pounds money to defray the needful Charges of the Town for ye present year, And voted that the Town Assessors be directed to Assess ye sum Set on the Town as the The proportion of the County Tax the present year on ye Inhabitants in the same proportion as they Assess the Town Rate, and Include the same in the sd Town Rate and that they be directed to order the Collectors to pay in ye same to the County Treasurer.

And the Town voted and made Choice of James Warren

& James Hovey Esqrs, and Deacon Joseph Bartlett, A Committe to act in Conjunction with the County of Barnstable in Seasonably Repairing the Eell River Bridge (so called) within the Township of Plymouth.

[**181.**] At a Town Meeting Assembled & held in Plymouth on Wednesday the 24th Day of December Annoqe Domini 1760

Branch Blackmer Lemuell Bartlett Jacob Tayler Elias Trask was Chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury at ye Inferiour Court of Common Pleas & Court of Generall Sessions of the peace to be holden at Plymouth within & for ye County of Plymo on ye first Tuesday of Jany next.

A Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of ye Town of Plymouth Regularly Assembled & held in the Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye Ninth day of March Anno Domini 1761. At sd meeting Doctor Lazarus LeBarron Chosen Moderator and Took the oath by Law appointed.

Lemuell Bartlett Esqr Chosen Town Clerk and Sworn Before Edward Winslow Esqr Justice of the Peace.

Messrs Thomas Foster Esqr Edward Winslow Esqr George Watson Esqr Deacon John Torrey Mr. Thomas Mayhew was Chosen Selectmen and took the Oath by Law appointed, Administered to them By Saml Bartlett Justs Peace

Then the votes of ye Town for a Register & County Treasurer were Brot in and Separately sealed up by Josiah Churchill Constable in open Town Meeting

The Town proceeded and made Choice of Messrs James Hovey Esqr John Torrey and Thomas Mayhew Assessors for ye present year.

Then the Act & Law of the Province (Intitled an Act for Repealing ye Severall Laws now in force which Relate to ye Observation of ye Lord's Day, and for makeing more Effectuall Provision For the Due observation Thereof Was Read and the Town voted thereon to Choose five *Suitable persons to serve as Wardens as in & by sd Act is provided,

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* The Provincial General Court passed an Act at its 3rd Session of 1760-61, the tenth Section of which provided "That each town and district within this province shall, at the time of choosing town and district officers, annually, and every year, choose certain persons, being of good substance and of sober life and conversation, to be wardens of such town or district."

and that ye highest in ye number of Votes in ye South Precinct, and ye Highest in or near Wellingsly (So Called) the highest in the North part of ye Town, and ye two highest in number of votes in or about the middle of the Town shall be ye Wardens so Chosen, and Then proceeded & made Choice of as follows

Deacon John Torrey Ebenezer Spooner John Blackmer Josiah Churchell Lemuell Jackson Wardens

At sd Meeting Mr. John Cotton was Chosen Town Treasurer.

Then ye Vote was Called to know ye Towns mind whether they would choose a man to prosecute any person or persons that have taken alewives for sale the last year in Plymouth or Wareham Contrary to ye Act of this Government Made & passed in ye year 1755, and still in force, Intitled an Act to prevent the unnecessary Destruction of the fish Called alewives &c.

Voted in the Affirmative And Thomas Foster Esq was Chosen to prosecute any person or persons in Either of sd Towns of Plymouth or Wareham that have Taken fish for sale Contrary to sd Act.

The Town Then Voted That no alewives shall be taken for sale this year in the Town Brook so called and made Choice of Deacon John Torrey Capt Thomas Jackson & Silvanus Bramhall to take care of the sd Brook, to be a Committe for ye Regular Improvement of ye same.

[**182.**] The Town Proceeded, and voted to Choose three Constables who shall be Collectors of the Town Taxes, and to allow the Constables for Collecting and paying in the Towns money, eight pence on ye pound, a premium Provided they give Bonds to ye Town Treasurer To Indemnify & Save the Town harmless from all charge and Damage that may arise by their Deficiency or Neglect.

And voted, That in ye Choice of Constables the highest in ye Number of votes The North Side of ye Town Brook, The highest Southerly of sd Brook & ye highest in ye South Precinct Shall be ye Constables Chosen.

Jeremiah Holmes Eleaser Stephens Stephen Doten Chosen Constables.

Then the Town made Choice of Messrs George Watson Esq. John Torrey & Thomas Mayhew A Committee to Examine the Late Town Treasurer's Books, papers and accts

And to Transmit them to Mr. John Cotton The Town Treasurer now Chosen.

And then the Town Meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 16th of March Currant at Ten of ye Clock in the forenoon.

A Town Meeting Assembled & held at the Court House in Plymouth By ye Freeholders & othe Inhabitants of sd Town on Monday ye 16th day of March Anno Dom 1761

By adjournment from Monday ye 9th of March Currant. At sd meeting a vote was Called to know ye Town's mind if they will accept of Ebenezer Dunham to serve as Constable in the Room of Eleazer Stephens who was Chose ye 9th Instant. The Town voted their acceptance of him.

At sd Meeting The Town officers were chosen into their Respective offices as follows for the ensuing year; viz:

Lemuel Jackson, Jeremiah Howes, Nathl Foster, Ichabod Holmes, Josiah Morton, Jun., Benjamin Rider, Eleazer Ellis, Thos. Southworth Howland, Surveyors of ye Highways.

Job Morton James Drew, Zacheus Churchill, Packers of Fish and Guagers of Cask.

James Hovey, Esq., Silvanus Bartlett, Clerks of the Market.

Daniel Diman, William Rider, Silvanus Bramhall, Nathl Warren, Tytheingmen.

[183.] Joseph Rider, Junr, Thomas Savory, Junr., John Kempton, Zacheus Churchill, Solomon Bartlett, Eleazer Holmes, William Warren, Thomas Bumpus, Hogreaves

Ebenezer Spooner, Thomas Spooner, Jun., Sealers of Leather.

Joseph Lucas, Eleazer Ellis, Informers of Deer agreable to ye Law of this Province.

George Watson, Esq., Jas. Warren, Esq., James Hovey, Esq., Gideon White, Joseph Bartlett, Nathl Bartlett, Firewards.

Capt. Nichols Nelson, John May, Joseph Warren, James Holmes, Fence Viewers and Field Drivers.

John May, Joseph Warren, James Holmes, Fence Viewers and Field Drivers.

John Harlow, Job Morton, David Turner, Thomas Savory, John Kempton, Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Timber, Plank & Boards.

Capt. Thomas Jackson Thomas Bartlett Amaziah Churchell To take Care of Beach agreable to Law of this Province.

Gershom Holmes, Chosen Saxton.

Then ye Town Voted to Choose four men a committee to act in the affairs of Firing ye woods. Their Transacting in ye same to be according to Direction of Law in that case made and provided.

And made Choice of Lemuel Jackson, Nehemiah Ripley Benjamin Cornish Ezekiel Morton For that purpose.

Then the Town Voted that they will not chuse any Person or Persons to appear at the Great & Generall Court to be held at Boston to Answer to ye Petition Exhibited by Capt. Josiah Morton & Nathl Morton Junr.

At sd meeting Job Morton & Nehemiah Ripley were chosen Grandjurymen to serve for ye ensuing year.

And William Clark, Thomas Davis, James Doten & Joseph Warren chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryalls at ye next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth Within and for ye County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of April next.

[184.] At a Town Meeting Assembled and Held In the Court House in Plymouth on Fryday ye 17th day of April Anno Domini 1761. For ye Choice of Grand & Petit Jurors to serve at ye next Superior Court of Judicature &c to be holden at Plymouth Within & for the county of Plymouth, on the Last Tuesday of April Currant, and made Choice of (at sd meeting).

Viz: Silvanus Bartlett Ebenezer Samson also Isaac Doten & Jonathan Diman To Serve on the Grandjury.

Samuel Harlow Nathll Torrey Ezra Allen Thomas Spooner Junr Benjamin Cornish Zacheus Bartlett To serve on the Petit Jury for Trialls.

At a meeting of ye Freeholders and other Inhabitants of ye Town of Plymouth (Duly Quallifyed) Assembled & held in ye Court House in sd Town, on Monday the eighteenth day of May Anno Domini 1761 Thomas Foster Esqr was Chosen Representative to Represent the sd Town of Plymouth at ye Great & Generall Court or Assembly of this Province to be Convened and held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty Seventh day of this Instant May (A vote being before Called to Know if the Town would Choose Two Persons to Represent them at ye sd Great & Generall Court,

which passed in the Negative) and by Edward Winslow Esqr was administered to him the oath by Law Required Respecting the Neighbourg Governments paper Currancy The Town proceeded and Chose Thomas Foster Esqr to be Moderator for the present Meeting. And then passed ye Following Vote viz: The Town taking into Consideration the Deed Given by the Agents of ye Town of Plymouth Viz: Jonathan Shaw, John Sturtevant, John Gray & Ephraim Morton (which Deed was acknowledged By sd Agents 17th of April 1693) To Josiah & Nathaniell Morton of Plymouth Deceased; of the Beach In ye Town of Plymouth and Meadow Adjoyning, And there being a supposed Defect in sd Deed, by Reason that a blank is left for ye Consideration and another for ye Date of the Deed, Neither of which was ever filled up. And ye Town Being satisfyed that the Money was Paid for sd Beach And Meadow and that the Heirs of sd Nathll & Josiah Morton ought to be quieted in the Peacable Possession of the Premises Conveyed in sd Deed, Therefore Voted that Edward Winslow, George Watson & Jeames Hovey Esqrs Be and Hereby are fully Impowered in Behalf of the sd Town of Plymouth To Give a Deed of Quit claim of sd Beach & Meadow To Capt. Josiah Morton & Nathll Morton of Plymo Heirs of sd Josiah & Nathll Morton mentioned in sd Deed Given to the Agents of the Town of Plymo and To do Everything nessassary To Quiet the Heirs of the Persons To whom the Premises were Conveyed, as fully To all Interets & Purposes, as Though there Had

[**185.**] Been no Defect in sd Deed. The said Josiah & Nathll Morton Are now surviving Paying the charge of the Writings &c.

At a Town Meeting Assembled and held in Plymouth on ye 29th day of June A dom: 1761 Jonathan Samson and William Elles Junr was chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryalls at the next Court of Generall Sessions of ye peace; and at the next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas, to be holden at Plymouth aforsd on the first Tuesday of July next.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & Held In ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday the Tenth Day of August Anno Dom: 1761 Doctr Lazarus LeBarron was Chosen Moderator & Took the oath appointed administred to Him by Thomas Foster Esqr Justice of the Peace.

The Town proceeded And Voted Their acceptance of the Report Signed Thomas Mayhew, George Watson, John Torrey a committee Respecting the Town Treasurers accots & which was Read and is as followeth viz:

A list of Bonds due To the Town of Plymouth Taken June 10 1761.

	Principall.			Intrest.		
Deacon Bartlett and Robert Bartlett March 4 1756 with one yrs Intst	20	10	0	1	5	7
Elkanah Watson & Thomas Spooner Sept. 11 1758 Cast to May 11 1761	9	9	4	1	8	5
Benjamin Bartlett and John Harlow June 21 1755 Cast To June 21 1761	5	15	9	0	13	10
Salvs Bartlett & David Turner June 21 1755	25	17	4	2	17	6½
Josiah Morton & Nathll Bradford May 12 1749 Cast To May 12 1761	11	5	8	2	4	4
John Finney & Nathll Warren Februy 20 1753 Cast To April 1 1761	6	7	0	0	7	7
Nathll Warren & John Finney Feby 20 1753 Cast To March 17 1761	7	8	2	0	17	9
Josiah Morton & John Morton Cast To January 2 1761	4	0	0	0	9	7
Consider Howland & James Shurtleff April ye 25 1753	7	13	4	0	0	0
Ebenezer Donham & John Donham April 25 1753	2	9	0	0	0	0
Perez Tilson & John Churchell August 17 1753	6	13	4	0	0	0
Gershom Holmes & George Holmes Novbr Novbr ye 19 1751	6	2	2	0	15	2
Jeames Warren & Nathll Goodwin Novbr 15 1757 Cast to May 15 1761	6	17	9½	0	12	4½
Timothy Burbank & John Kempton July 24 1751 Cast to July 24 1761	17	10	0	3	1	3
John Torrey & Nathll Torrey July 24 1750	4	16	0	0	5	9
Perez Tillson & Elkanah Watson April 10 1753	15	1	4	2	13	5
Ebenezar Holmes & Thomas Davie Jan. 25 1750	5	1	7¼	0	13	8
David Turner & John Harlow Junr Febry 26 1746 Cast May 29 1761	13	9	4	0	16	2
John Nelson & Lemll Morton Februy 8 1759	5	19	½	0	14	3
Edward Winslow & Gideon White Sep 10 1757 Cast ye 10 March 1761	60	15	8	1	16	7
Benja Barnes & Josiah Rider April 20 1759	13	6	8	0	16	0
Silas Morton & Job Morton May ye 30 1759	66	13	4	8	0	0
Thomas Forster Junr & Perez Tillson Febry 20 1757	17	18	4	1	1	6
John Kemptons Note	2	0	0	0	2	5
Eleazar Churchell & Josiah Churchell	20	0	0	1	4	0
Jeames Howard & Josiah Churchell	13	6	8	0	0	0
John Harlow & Samll Rider March ye 6 1743-4	6	10	0	0	15	0

Thomas Forster Esqrs Note May ye 9 1757	10	10	6	2	10	0
Abner Holmes Note Janry 6 1761	5	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas Jackson & son February 1 1756	18	12	0	5	11	7
	416	19	4¼	41	13	9

[186.] June ye 10 1761 We the Subscribers Being Chosen A Committe by the Town of Plymouth at their meeting in March Last To examine the Late Treasurers Accounts & Transfer them To the Treasurer Then Chosen Have attended That service & Report as Folows, viz: That on ye 10th Day of this Instant June there Was in the Late Treasurer's hand the sum of Fourteen Shillings & Two Pence due to the Town which we have Received of Him and Delivered To the New Treasurer; we also find Sundry Bonds & Notes Due To the Town Amounting To £416-19-4¼ Principal: Interest Due thereon £41-13-9d, which Bonds & Notes we have also Received and Delivered To the New Treasurer. We also find Outstanding In the Constables hands as Follows Viz:

1752	Jonathan Darling	7	7	3
1750	Timothy Burbanks	4	13	9¾
1753	George Holmes	13	2	4¾
1754	Corns Holmes	5	15	11½
	Seth Swift	4	1	5
1758	John Kempton	34	4	6½
1759	Thomas Spooner	26	7	7½
	Josiah Churchell	138	13	3½
	Zacheus Mendall	13	19	2
		£247	18	5½

All Which is submitted by Thomas Mayhew, Geo. Watson, John Torrey, Committee.

Plymouth June ye 10 1761

Received of Thomas Mayhew George Watson & John Torrey The Sum of Fourteen Shillings & Two Pence Being the Ballance Due To the Town from the Late Treasurer. Together With all the Foregoing Bonds & Notes Being Thirty in Number & The Book of Accounts.

John Cotton, Town Treasurer.

At sd Meeting The Town Voted, To Raise Three Hundred & sixty Pounds, To Defray the needfull charges of the Town for ye currant year. And also voted That the Assessors, in makeing the Tax shall not exceed the sum of Ten pounds surplusage, And that the Assessors, may or shall, make ye Taxes in ye same method & manner as they was made for the Last year.

At sd Meeting a vote was Called to Know if ye Town would choose an Agent to appear at the Great & Generall Court at their Next Sessions To prosecute the Petition Prefer'd p Thomas Foster Esqr Representative of sd Town of Plymouth at ye Last sessions of sd Great & Generall Court Relative to their takeing Alewives by seines in the Pond or Ponds in Plymouth Called Herring Ponds, or in ye Brook that Issues out of the same, and Runs through the Town of Sandwich. Voted in the Affirmative. And made choice of sd Thomas Foster Esqr an Agent for that purpose.

Then the Town Voted to Choose three persons as Agents for ye Town To Prosecute such Persons as have taken or Catched any Alewives In the River that Issues out of

[**187.**] Halfway Pond and Runs Through Plymouth & Wareham or in any other of the Rivers or Brooks in Plymouth; contrary to Law.

And accordingly made choice of George Watson, Thomas Foster & James Hovey Esqrs, Agents for that Purpose.

Then the Town Voted, that a Committee of seven shall be Chosen to Consider of ye Petition of Silvanus Bartlett, Respecting ye selling or exchanging with him a piece of Land lying on ye South side of Fort Hill Joyning to his Land, to Consider and make Report thereon, at ye next Town Meeting, And accordingly made choice of Messrs. George Watson, Edward Winslow & Thomas Foster Esqrs Lazarus LeBarron, Thomas Spooner, John Torrey & Ebenezer Donham, A Committee for that purpose.

At a Town meeting Duly Warned, Assembled & Held In the Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 28th of September Anno Domini 1761 Josiah Morton, Samuell Donham, Benjamin Churchell & Samuell Jackson were chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryalls at the Next Court of Generall sessions of the Peace & Court of Common Pleas to be Holden at Plymouth within & for ye County of Plymouth on ye first Tuesday of October next.

At a Town Meeting Duly Warned Assembled and held In Plymouth on Monday the twenty eighth day of December Anno Domini 1761 Capt. Samll Nichols Nelson, Ezekiel Rider, Ichabod Morton, Nathll Morton, Junr, were chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryals at ye next Court of Generall Sessions of ye Peace and Court of Common Pleas, To be holden at Plymouth Within & for ye County of Plymouth on ye first Tuesday of January next.

We The Subscribers, Selectmen of the Towns of Plymouth & Sandwich Being met Together To Perambalate the Line & Renew the bounds Between the sd Towns of Plymouth and Sandwich have settled the same as follows, viz.: Begining at a White Oak Bush on picked Cliff marked on four sides, with stones about it; From thence Runing South West Three Degrees Westerly By a Range of Marked Trees To a Rock on ye Westerly side of Herring pond about Two Rodds from the mouth of sd Pond; from sd Rock to Wareham Line. We agree that it shall stand, as heretofore settled. Dated at Plymouth the 12th day of January Anno Domini 1762. Thomas Foster, G. Watson, John Torrey, Solomon Foster, Jonathan Bassett, Plymo & Sandwich Bounds Between them.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth, Duly Warned, Assembled and held In the Court House In sd Town on Fryday the 29th day of January A Dom: 1762. At sd Meeting George Watson Esqr was Chosen Moderator & took the usuall oath administered to him by Edward Winslow Esqr Justice of the peace. At sd meeting the Town made Choice of Thomas Foster & Edward Winslow Esqrs To be their

[188.] Agents, who are Desired and Directed to prefer a Petition to the Great & Generall Court of this Province at their present session, seting forth the Dangerous & Deplorable Scituation of the Beach Commonly Called Plymouth Beach which makes the Harbour in sd Town; And the great Danger sd Harbour is in of being Intirely spoiled & Ruined if some Measures be not immediately taken to prevent the same, Praying the sd Courts Interposition aid & Assistance, and that they would Grant them such reliefe as they in their wisdom may think fit.

Then the Town took under Consideration the Petition of Silvanus Bartlett Respecting ye selling or exchanging a piece of Land to or with him Lying on ye South side of ye Fort Hill Joyning to his Land, as entred the ye 10th of August Last, and then Chose a Committee to Consider and Report thereon. The sd committee now made their Report verbally. The Town proceeded and Voted to sell sd piece of Land to sd Bartlett, And made choice of Edward Winslow & James Hovey Esqrs & Deacon John Torrey to value, agree with and sell the sd piece of Land to ye sd Silvanus

Bartlett for sd Town's use, And to Intitle him to the Premises & take security in the Town's Behalf, or to make Report at ye next Town Meeting.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of ye Town of Plymouth Duly warned, Assembled and held In the Court House in sd Town, on Thirsday the fourth day of March Anno Dom; 1762 James Hovey Esqr was Chosen Moderator and took ye oath Appointed.

Samuel Bartlett Esqr Chosen Town Clerk for the Ensuing year and sworn Before Thomas Foster Esqr Justs Peace.

Edward Winslow, Esqr, George Watson Esqr, James Warren, Esqr, James Hovey Esqr, Mr. Ebenezer Spooner chosen Selectmen and took ye oath by Law Required.

Messrs John Torrey, Perez Tillson, Nathll Bartlett chosen Assessors.

Mr. John Cotton chosen Town Treasurer & sworn, then the votes for a County Treasurer were brought in & sealed up in open Town Meeting by Jeremiah Holmes Constable.

Voted To chose five Wardens By Nomination & made choice of Jonathan Diman, John May, Capt. Theophilus Cotton, Deacon Joseph Bartlett & Eleazer Ellis To be the sd Wardens.

Then Voted To chose Three Constables on the same conditions That the Constables were chousen & served the Last year.

Voted their Particular Districts as was the Last year. & made choice of Jonathan Harlow Seth Barnes Junr & John Churchell to serve as Constables, sd Churchell Appeared & manifested his Refusell To serve.

[189.] A vote being Calld To Know the Towns mind if they would chuse a man to Prosecute sd Churchell for his Refusell. Voted in the Negative, He being chosen Constable in 1755 & Then Paid his Fine. Then the Town made choice of William Weston To Serve as Constable. Sd Weston Refused To Serve & Promised To Pay the Fine by Law Required.

Then the Town Enterd into the Consideration of that Paragraff in the Warrant Relative To the Making a Convenient Passage for the Alewives To Pass Between the Great Herring Pond and the Pond Called Hedgs Pond in Plymouth.

And voted To chuse a committee of five men to Act &

Do what They shall Think Best Respecting the Making a Convenient Passage for the Taking of the Alewives as they Pass from said Great Herring Pond into Hedgs Pond aforesd.

And made choice of Messrs James Hovey Esqr John Torrey, Thomas Jackson & John Finney & Benj. Cornish To be sd Committee.

Then voted that there shall be a Quantity of Herrings Catcht For Sale this year in ye Severall Brooks within this Town not to Exceed one Thousand Barrells.

The Town Then entred into the Consideration of ye Paragraff In the Warrant Relative To accepting the Bridge Built by Thomas Forster Esqr & others over ye Town Brook and after some Debate ye Question was Put whether the Town would accept of the Bridge Built by Thomas Forster Esqr & his associates where it now is over the Town Brook in the room of that Prefered by the Vote of the Town in May 21st 1759. To be Built at the other corner of David Turners Wharf, Provided that David Turner shall Give Twenty feet in breadth a cross his Wharf for an open way & Nathll Forster & Thomas Davis shall give Twenty feet in breadth over each of there lands, at the end of the Bridge for an Open Way, Voted in the Affirmative.

[190.] A Town Meeting Assembled & Held at the Court House in Plymo on Thirsday ye 4 Day of March 1762.

At said Meeting Messrs John Torrey & Nehemiah Ripley Chousen Grand Jurors for the Insuing year.

And John Nelson, Lemuel Barnes, Ebenezer Bartlett, Willm Rider Petit Jurors to serve at ye Next Court of Generall Sessions of ye Peace to be holden at Plymo &c on the First Tuesday of April next.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to ye Last Monday of this month at 10 of ye Clock in ye forenoon.

A Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of ye Town of Plymouth Assembled & held in the Court House in sd Town on Monday the 29th of March Anno Dom: 1762. By Adjournment from the fourth day of this Instant March.

At sd Meeting Deacon John Torrey appeared and manifested his Refusall to serve as Grandjuryman, into which office he was chosen ye 4th of March, Being Excused by Law. The Town proceeded and made choice of Thomas

Spooner Junr to serve as Grandjuryman for the Ensuing year.

Seth Barnes was chosen Constable (on ye 4th of March) Appeared in Town Meeting & manifested his Refusall to serve in sd office for Reasons Given. A vote was Called to know if the Town would Chuse a man to prosecute sd Barnes for his Refusall. Passed in the Negative.

Then the Town proceeded to chuse two Constables and made choice of William Crombie & Nathaniel Morton Junr to serve as Constables for the Ensuing year. And then Voted, now to enter upon the affair of the schools. At this Meeting The Town Voted to chuse three men to be a Committee to Take Care & see that ye Grammer School be well supplyed with a suitable school master or masters.

And made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr, Deacon John Torrey & Mr. Thomas Mayhew a committee for that Purpose.

Then a Vote was Called to know the mind of the Town, if another school or schools shall be set up in sd Town for ye Teaching of Reading, Writeing & Arithmetick for and Dureing the Term of one year. Voted in ye Affirmative. And that there shall be Four schools set up and kept for ye Teaching of Reading, Writeing and Arithmetick; In ye same Divisions in the Town, on the same conditions, and under the same Regulations, agreable to a vote of the Town at their Meeting September ye 27th 1756, which stands Recorded page 155.

And ye Town proceeded and made choice of Committees for ye Care and Regulation of sd four Additional schools Viz: Deacon Joseph Bartlett, Josiah Churchell & Ichabod Holmes For Wellingsley school.

[191.] Capt. John Finney, Nathll Warren, Joseph Warren Committee for ye Eell River school.

John Blackmer, Benjamin Cornish Zacheus Bartlett Committee for Monument Ponds school.

Capt. Theo Cotton, Capt. Ns Nelson, Lemuel Jackson Committee for ye school in ye North part of the Town.

Then voted to accept of Lemuel Jackson (by his own consent) to serve as Warden for ye Ensuing year, In ye room of Capt. Theophilus Cotton who was Chosen and is (for Reasons Given) excused.

At this meeting the following Town officers were chosen into their Respective offices.

Lemuel Jackson, Nathll Torrey, Jonathan Samson, Joshua Swift, Deacon Elisha Holmes, Benjamin Cornish Surveyors of the Highways.

Daniel Diman, William Rider, Silvanus Bramhall, Nathaniel Warren, Titheingmen.

James Drew, Benjamin Churchell, Zacheus Churchell Packers of Fish & Guagers of Casks.

Stephen Samson, Ebenezer Holmes, Solomon Atwood, Samuel Sherman, Walter Rich, Benjamin Morton, Eleazer Churchell, Ezekiel Morton, James Clark, Hogreeves.

Ebenezer Spooner, Thomas Spooner, Junr, Sealers of Leather.

Joseph Lucas, Joseph Bates Informers of Deer.

James Warren Esqr, Geo. Watson Esqr, James Hovey Esqr, Deacon John Torrey, Deacon Joseph Bartlett, Nathaniel Bartlett Firewards.

Capt. Samll Nichols Nelson, John May, Joseph Warren, James Holmes, Fence Viewers & Field Drivers as also Zacheus Bartlett.

[192.] At sd meeting John Kempton, David Turner, Thomas Savory, David Turner, Junr, William Rickard Chosen Surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of Timber, Plank & Boards.

James Warren Esqr, Lemuel Morton, Nathll Morton, Junr, To take Care of Plymouth Beach So Called Agreable to ye Law of ye Province in that Behalf made and Passed.

The Town Voted to Excuse Majr Warren (it being his Desire) and made choice of Amaziah Churchell in his Room to take Care of said Beach.

Gershom Holmes, Chosen Saxton and Voted to allow him five Pounds for the present year, for Ringing the o'clock & ye nine o'clock Bell.

Then ye Town Voted to choose a man to prosecute (in ye Law) Capt. William Weston for his Refuseing to serve as Constable. And made Choice of Deacon John Torrey for that purpose.

As to Jonathan Churchells Request to abate him Ebenezer Tinkcom's Rates for the year 1758. A vote was Called to know if the Town will abate. Voted in the Affirmative. Then the Town proceeded & made choice of William Crombie and Nathaniel Morton Junr to be Constables for ye Currant year. They accepted (& was sworn in open Town

Meeting pr Thomas Foster Justs Peace; on ye Termes & for ye premium of ye Last year.

At sd Meeting The Town Voted that George Watson, James Warren & James Hovey Esqrs & Deac: Joseph Bartlett be and Hereby are Impowered To Give a Good Deed of Conveyance of ye Land &c, as mentioned in the Report of a Comtee of the Town, Dated May 21 1759 and accepted by the Town To Thomas Forster Esqr and his Associates. The Town haveing at this meeting accepted the Bridge & wharfe by them Built over the Town Brook, in the Room of that Proposed to be Built in the above Report.

At a Town Meeting assembled and Held in the Court House in Plymo on Monday ye 12th of April 1762.

Nathll Torrey, David Turner, John Churchell, Timo Burbanks, Chosen Grand Jurors.

Ebenezer Spooner, Melatiah Lothrop, Elkanah Watson, Perez Tilson, Nathll Bartlett, Lemuel Morton, Chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryalls.

All to serve at ye next Superiour Court of Judicature &c To be Holden at Plymo within & for ye County of Plymo on ye Last Tuesday of this Instant April.

[193.] At a meeting of the Freholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth Duly warned, Assembled & held In ye Court House in said Town on Monday ye 17th day of May Anno Domini 1762 Thomas Foster Esqr was chosen Representative to Represent the sd Town of Plymouth At the Great & Generall Court & Assembly of this Province To be Convened & held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty sixth Day of this Instant May. Previous to this choice A vote was Called to know if ye Town would send two persons to Represent them at sd Great & Generall Court. Voted in ye Negative. And then a vote was Called If the Town would send one to Represent them as aforsd. Voted in the Affirmative.

At sd meeting James Warren Esqr was chosen Moderator.

Then the Town proceeded And Voted to allow and give Liberty to any Person or Persons to erect and maintain a Fence at their own cost & charge across the foot of the Lain Leading from the Country Road by William Suttons to the Waterside, one pair of Bars to be made & contained in sd fence for passing & Repassing with Carts &c, All to continue untill further orders.

To all unto whom these Presents shall come Know ye that we James Hovey, John Torrey & Perez Tilson all of Plymouth in the County of Plymo A Committe chosen by the Inhabitants of sd Town, a Town Meeting held at Plymo aforesd on ye 19 of May A: D: 1755: To Hold a vendue, and sell Sundry Pecies of Land, The Town yet has Lying common at or neer the Waterside Being Part of the mile & half Land, so called, as by the vote of sd Town on their Records appeareth; and haveing for that End Notified & held a vendue for sale of sd Land at Mr. John Bartletts in sd Plymo on the 20 of June Instant for and in consideration of six pounds five shillings & four pence Lawfull money secured To be Paid in To the Town Treasury, do by vertue of the Power and authority to us committed in said vote In behalf of the sd Town; Grant, Bargain & sell & confirm unto Benjamin Bartlett of said Plymouth cooper, a small Peice of Land lying to the Southward and Westward of sd Benja Bartlett Coopers shop between the two roads; bounded Beginning at the Southerly Corner of a Lott Thirty feet square now possessed by sd Bartlett & where on sd shop stands & from Thence extending Northerly thirty feet in the Range of sd thirty feet square to Lemotes Land & from thence on a strate line westerly To the Roade on Way at the Top of Cole's Hill; and thence Raingeing Southerly with the sd way Till it strikes the line of the Roade leading from the meeting house of the first Precinct in sd Town To the Waterside, and from thence in the Range of sd Roade East 21 degrees North till it comes To sd Thirty feet square and then Westerly in the line of sd Thirty Feet To the First Bounds. To Have & To Hold the sd Granted & Bargained Premises with the appurtenances, To him the said Benjamin Bartlett & His heirs & assigns forever (The same being Part of the Land in sd Voat contained & he being the Highest Bidder for the same) against the sd Town of Plymouth and all Persons Claiming the same from By or under sd Town. In wittness whereof we the sd James, John & Perez the abovesd committee have here unto sett our hands & seals the Twenty first Day of June annoque Domini 1755.

Singnd Seald & Delivd In Presence of Nathll Shurtleff, Joseph Morton.

James Hovey, seal; John Torrey, seal; Perez Tilson, seal; committee.

[194.] Plymo SS June 23, 1755. Then the above named James Hovey, John Torrey & Perez Tilson Personally appeared & acknowledged the foregoing Instrument To be their Act & Deed. Before

Thomas Forster Justice of the Peace.

We the subscribers David Turner Boat Builder, Nathll Forster Gentleman, Thomas Davis Trader, all of Plymo in the County of Plymo, for and In Consideration of the Publick Benefit, as well as Private, To us and others of Haveing a Bridge Built over the Brook in Plymo, where it is Now Built By Thomas Forster Esqr & his associates; Do For ourselves Heirs and assigns Give & Grant to the Town of Plymo, So Long as they shall keep an open way and Bridge, where it is now Built, or so Long as it shall be continued For the use of a Publick Roade, as Follows: That is to say David Turner Gives and Grants for that one & no other a Roade a cross his wharfe, Twenty Feet wide From the southerly To the northerly side of said wharfe; and the said Nathll Forster Gives & Grants to and for the Use of sd Roade, twenty feet in Breadth a cross his Land at the North End of sd Bridge and Wharfe, where it is now built; and the said Thomas Davis Gives Twenty feet in Breadth a cross his Land in the same Rainge upon the westerly side of his Coopers shop; and its the True Intent & meaning of the sd David Turner, Nathll Forster & Thomas Davis, that the said lands mentioned are to be Held, kept and Improved as a Publick Roade to & for the Use of the Town, at all Times, so long as the Bridge & wharfe is kept as a Publick Road where it is now built. In wittness whereof we have hereunto sett our hands & seals This Thirteenth Day of March 1762. Signd Seald, In Present of witness:

Josiah Sturtevant,
Elizabeth Forster.
David Turner, seal.
Nathll Forster, seal,
Thomas Davis, seal.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held In the Court House in Plymouth on Monday the Fourteenth day of June Anno Domini 1762. Thomas Bartlett & Abiel Shurtleff were chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryalls at the next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas & Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth, within & for

the County of Plymouth on the First Tuesday of July next.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & Held In ye Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 13th of September, Anno Domini 1762, James Holmes & Eleazer Holmes were Chosen to serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryalls at the next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas & Court of General Sessions of the Peace, To be holden at Plymouth Within & for the County of Plymouth, on the First Tuesday of October next.

The Town proceeded And made Choice of George Watson Esqr to be Moderator for ye presant meeting; Who took the Usuall oath. Then the Town voted to Raise the sum of Two Hundred & Fourty Pounds money for Defraying ye needfull Charges of the Town ye Currant year. And also Voted that ye Assessors in making ye Tax shall not Exced the sum of ten pounds surplusage. And that ye Assessors may or shall make the Taxes in the same Method and Manner as

[195.] At a Town meeting assembled & Held In the Court House in Plymouth on Monday Decr 13—Anno Domini 1762—

Eleazer Churchell, Stephen Samson, Thomas Savory & Judah Bartlett were chosen To serve on ye Petit Jury for Tryals at the Next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas & Court of General Sessions of the Peace To Be holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of January next.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth Duly Warned, Assembled & Held In the Court House in sd Town on Tuesday the first Day of March Anno: Domini 1763. Doctr Lazarus LeBarron Chosen Moderator and took the oath by Law Appointed.

Samuel Bartlett Esqr chosen Town Clerk & Took ye Oaths by Law Required.

Thomas Forster Esqr, John Torrey, Dean Joseph Bartlett, Thomas Jackson, Thomas Mayhew Esqr, chosen selectmen.

Messrs. John Torrey, John Cotton Esqr., John Blackmer, Assessors.

Mr. John Cotton Chosen Town Treasurer and Took ye Oaths by Law Required; sworn before Thomas Forster Esqr, Justs Peace.

Then the votes for a County Treasurer were brought in

and sealed up in Open Town Meeting By William Crombie, Constable.

Then the Town Took under Consideration the affairs of the schools And Voted that ye four Additional schools for Reading, Writting and Arithmetick shall be continued for the term of one year Insuing In the several Divisions in the Town & under the same Regulations as they were the Last year. Then Accordingly the Town made choice of A Committee To take ye Care of each of the sd schools.

Dean Joseph Bartlett, Nathaniel Morton Junr, Ichabod Holmes, For Wellingsly school. In this Committee Ichabod Mortons name was Inserted, which should have been Ichabod Holmes & the town Voted that sd Holmes was ye Person meant and ordered his name entered one of sd Committee.

Dean Nathll Warren, Ezekiel Morton, Joseph Warren, For Ell River School.

[196.] Capt. Nathll Bartlett, James Clark, Stephen Doten, Committee for Monument Ponds School.

Capt. Theo Cotton Capt. N. S. Nelson, Lemuel Jackson Committee for ye school in the No part of the Town.

As to the Grammer School in the Center of ye Town there Being a Draught Prepared and Laid before the Town, In the Words Following. Viz: Voted that it be an Instruction to ye Committe, that shall be chosen To Supply the Grammer School with a suitable Master for one year, That they Approve none but such as is Approved by the Minister or Ministers of ye Town, with two Ministers of ye Neighbouring Towns, or the Major Part of them Agreeable to ye Directions of the Province Law in this Case Provided. And to know the Towns mind if they will accept the sd Draught or Not. The Town voted, the same shall be Determined by Written Votes yeas and Nays—viz: Thoes that are for Acceps sd Vote To Write yea, and thoes for non Acceptance to Write Nay, and upon Sorting the votes it appears 47 was for Acceps and 43 For Non Accepting the same. The Town Proceedd and Voted to choose three men for a committee to supply the Grammer school with a suitable master or masters for and Dureing one year Ensuing and made choice of. Thomas Forster, Esqr, Thomas Mayhew, Esqr, Dean John Torrey, Committe for ye Grammer school.

The Town voted to chuse three Constables In ye 3 Divi-

tions in the Town Agreeable to the Tax Bills Last made; and Voted that the Highest in vote in each of sd Divitions to be the Constable chousen; and Accordingly made choice of viz: Ephraim Spooner, Simeon Swift, John Nelson, chosen Constables.

And the Town Voted that the Constables shall be Collectors of The Town Taxes, and to allow the Constables for collecting and Paying the Towns money Eight Pence on the Pound a Premium, Provided they Give Bonds To the Town Treasurer To Indemnify and save the Town Harmless from all charge and Damage that may Arise by their Deficiency or neglect.

[197.] At said Meeting the Town made choice of Silas Morton, Nathll Torrey, Capt. Gideon White, Nathll Forster, Nathll Shurtleff, To be Wardens for the Insuing year.

Then the Town Voted that there shall be No Alewives taken this year out of the Town Brook so Called for sale, and further voted that there shall not be more than two hundred Barrells Taken for sale out of the Brook that runs out of halfway Pond, and other Brooks within the Limits of said Town.

Then the Town made choice of Andrew Thompson, Nathaniel Forster, Ebenezer Samson, Jeremiah Holmes, Zacheus Churchell, A committe to Inspect and take the Care of the Town Brook, Respecting the Alewives.

At sd meeting the Town made Choice of Ebenezer Donham, Lemuel Jackson, Grand Jurymen for the Insuing year.

Elkanah Churchell, Joshua Swift, Samuell Sherman, Alexander Robinson, To serve on the Petit Jury for Tryals at the Next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas & Court of Generall sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymo on ye first Tuesday of Aprill Next.

Immediately after the choice of the Selectmen the Town Voted to choose no overseers of the Poor Seperate from the Selectmen. Omitted Record 2 In its Proper place.

Then this meeting was adjourned to Monday the 7 Day of this Instant March at Three of ye Clock in the Afternoon.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held in ye Court House In Plymo on Monday The 7th Day of March Anno Domini 1763. By adjournment from Tuesday ye first of this Instant March. Ephraim Spooner who was chosen to serve

as Constable came Into ye meeting & Desired the Town to Accept of Jonathan Churchell To serve in his Room. Accordg The Town Accepd sd Churchell to serve as Constable and sd Churchell Took the oaths By Law Appointed. And John Nelson who was chosen Constable Came into the Meeting and manifested his Refusall to serve; then a vote was Calld to know if the Town

[198.] would choose a man To Prosecute sd Nelson for his Refusall. Pased in the Negative. Then The Town Proceeded and made Choice of Joseph Rider Junr To serve as Constable for the ensueing year And He took the oaths by Law Appointed, and Whereas Simeon Swift on the first Day of this Town Meeting was Chosen to serve as Constable, and it appearing to ye Town that ye sd Simeon Swift is an Inhabitant of the Town of Sandwich, Therefore The Town Proceeded and maid choice of Phinehas Swift to serve as Constable for the year ensueing. Immediately Preceeding the choice of Constables James Warren Esqr Produced a paper objecting against ye Proceedings of Town Meeting; Signed by himself & others & Read the same Desireing The Town would accept it, and that it may be Lodged with the Town Clerk. A vote was Called to know the Towns mind if they would accept the same & Lodge it with the Clerk. It passed in the negative.

At said meeting the Below named Town officers were chosen into their Respective offices; viz:

Thos Southworth Howland, Ebenezer Samson, Ichabod Holmes, Joseph Lucas, Ezekiel Morton, Benjamin Rider, Junr, Surveyors of the Highways.

Josiah Johnson, Samuel Shareman, Titheingmen.

James Drew, Benjamin Churchell, Zacheus Churchell, Packers of Fish and Guagers of Casks.

Lewy Drew, Zacheus Churchell, Amos Donham, Thomas Holmes, Samuel Marshall, Jonathan Harlow, Benjamin Rider, ye 3d, Hog Reeves.

[199.] Ebenezer Spooner, Thomas Spooner, Sealers of Leather.

William Elles, Junr, Samuell Donham, Joseph Lucas, Informers of Deer.

George Watson, Esqr, James Hovey Esqr, James Warren Esqr, Dean John Torrey, Dean Joseph Bartlett, Nathaniel Bartlett, Firewards.

Jeremiah Holmes, Jonathan Samson, Thomas Lothrop, William Clark, Silvanus Bartlett, Fence Viewers & field Drivers.

John Kempton, David Turner, Thomas Savory, David Turner, Junr, William Rickard, Surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of Timber, Plank & Boards.

Amaziah Churchell, Lemuel Morton, Nathll Morton Junr, To Take the care of Plymo Beach So Called Agreeable To the Province Law in that Behalf made & Passed.

James Drew, John May, Benja Churchell, Surveyors of Clapboards & Shingles and Viewers & Cullers of staves & Hoops—Agreeable to an Act Passed the General Court of this Province at their sessions In June 1762.

Gershom Holmes chosen Saxton.

And then this meeting was adjourned to Tuesday ye 22d of this Instant March at Two of ye Clock in ye afternoon.

March ye 21 1763, Phineas Swift, who was Chosen Constable, appeared And manifested his acceptance to serve; and was accordingly sworn Before Samll Bartlett Justs Peace.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth Assembled & held In the the Court House In Plymouth on Tuesday ye 22 Day of Mar: A: D: 1763 By Adjournment from the Seventh Day of this Instant March.

Eleazer Elles was chosen a surveyor of ye Highways.

[**200.**] At a Town Meeting Assembled & Held in ye Court House In Plymouth on Wednesday ye 13 April A. D. 1763.

Jeremiah Howes, Stephen Samson, John Russell, William Rider, Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury.

Nathan Delano, Gideon White Elisha Holmes, Josiah Churchell, John Harlow, Junr, Silvanus Bramhall, Chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryalls.

All To serve at the Next Superiour Court of Judicature &c To be holden at Plymo within and for the County of Plymo on the Last Tuesday of this Instant Apr.

At a Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymo mett & Assembled at the Court House in Plymouth on Monday ye 9th of May Anno: D: 1763, at sd meeting a vote was Called To Know the Towns mind if they would chouse two Representatives for the Cur-

rant year. Voted in the Negative, then the Town Proceed & made choice of Thomas Forster Esqr To serve as Representative To Represent the sd Town of Plymouth at the Great & Generall Court & Assembly of this Province, To be Convened and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty Fifth Day of this Instant May.

At sd Meeting The Town made choice of Doctr Lazarus LeBarron Moderator who Refusd To serve, Then The Town made choice of Thomas Forster Esqr To be Moderator for the Present meeting Who Took the oath By Law Required. At sd Meeting The following vote Passed (viz) whereas there are three orders Drawn by the Selectmen of Plymouth upon the Town Treasurer of sd Plymouth In Favor of Mr. Nathaniel Lothrop for Keeping The Grammer School in sd Town, Each order consisting of Twenty six Pound Thirteen Shillings & four Pence & there not being money in the Treasury To Pay of sd orders, Voted that Interest be allowed to sd Lothrop upon each Aforesd Orders, or on so much of them or either of them, as is Due from the Town, till sd sums be paid, the Interest To comence from the first Day of January Last.

[**201.**] Plymo 31 March 1763. The Selectmen of The Town of Plymouth, And Roland Swift Samuel Burge and Noah Ferring a Comtee of the Agawam Purchase in the Town of Wareham, haveing mett Together, Agreed that for this year One Hundred & Fifty Barrells of Alewives Shall be Barrelled up for Sale, at sd Swifts Mill in said Wareham for the Equall Bennifitt of sd Town of Plymouth and the Said Proprietors; and that the Streem the said Fish Pass up into Half Way Pond in sd Plymouth shall hereafter be Considered as the Property of sd Town of Plymouth, and Propriety, Joyntly, till the Same Shall be otherwise ordered by Law; and sd Swift haveing agreed to Take sd Fish this year, and to allow sd Town and Proprietors for the Same four Shillings pr Each Barrill, he shall so Catch & To Render a Plain & True Acct thereof to sd Selectmen and the said Proprs Comtee; It is agreed that he shall have the Priviledge of Takeing sd Fish, and no other person But those he shall Imploy this Present year. Wittness our Hands.

Selectmen of Plymo George Watson James Hovey Ebenr Spooner

Comtee of Agawan Proprs Roland Swift Samll Burge Noath Fearing

At a Town Meeting Assembled & Held In the Court House In Plymonth on Monday ye 27 Day of June A. D. 1763, Timothy Burbank Ebenezer Nelson were Chosen to serve on the Petit Jury for Tryalls at the Next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas and Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of July Next.

Pursuant to a Voat of the Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth at their Meeting in March Last we have viewed a Certain Lott of Land At ye Waterside in sd Plymouth, Bounded Easterly Thirty feet on the Road or Way, Southerly Thirty feet; and Westerly Thirty feet by Land Lately sold by the Town to Benjamin Bartlett of sd Plymouth Cooper; and Northerly Thirty feet by land of Mathew Lemote, and are of oppinions that the Same Is worth seven Pounds Six Shillings & Eight Pence Lawfull Money, and that upon sd Benjamin Bartlett Paying sd Sum into the Town Treasurer of sd Plymouth he shall hold the Said Premises to him and his heirs forever. Wittness our Hands at Plymouth the Second Day of July A. D. 1756 James Hovey Theo. Cotton John Torrey Comtee

[**202.**] Plymouth Apr 18 1763 Recd of Solomon Bartlett Admintr to the Estate of the within mentioned Benjamin Bartlett By the hands of James Hovey Esqr Seven Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence Lawfull mōney, In full Satisfaction for the Land withn mentioned.

pr John Cotton Town Treasr

This Rect Stands on the Back of the origionall Instrument.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held In the Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 29th August A. D. 1763—Doctr Lazarus LeBarron Chosen Moderator & sworn Before Thomas Forster Esqr. Then the Town voted to Raise the sum of Three Hundred & Thirteen Pounds Lawfull Money To Defray the Needfull Charges of the Town for the Present year.

Then voted that the Assessors may or Shall make the taxes In the same Manner & method as they did the Last year.

Voted that the Assessors In makeing the Taxes shall not exceed the sum of Ten Pounds as Surplusage.

Voted that a Committee be chosen To Examine the Tax Bills that were Committed to Jonathan Darling one of the Constables of the Town for the year 1752 and see What Remains Uncollected in sd Bills & make Report thereon at the Next Town Meeting, also To Examine the Tax bills that were Committed to George Holmes Decd who was one of the Constables of the Town for the year 1753, and see what Remains uncollected on sd Bills, and make Report thereon to The Town at the Next Town Meeting, John Torrey Dean Joseph Bartlett & Thomas Mayhew Esqr Were Chosen for sd Comtee.

Then the Town voted to accept the Petition of Daniel Diman and made Choice of the Select men a Committee to view & stake out ye Land Petitioned for adjoyning to the Easterly Side of the New Bridge in Plymouth and to make Return thereoff.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held In the Court House In Plymouth on Monday ye 5th Day of December Anno. Domini 1763 Benjamin Cornish Junr William Weston John Atwood Zacheus Churchell were Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury for Tryalls at the Next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas and Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of January Next

At a Town Meeting assembled & held In the Court House in Plymouth on the 29th September 1763.

Jonathan Bartlett Eleazer Elles Were Chosen to serve on the petit Jury for Tryalls at the Next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas and Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace To be holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of October Next.

[**203.**] At a Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants In the Town of Plymouth assembled & Held at the Court House in said Plymouth on Tuesday the 13 Day of March Anno Domini 1764 Doctr Lazarus LeBarron Chosen Moderator & took the oath by Law Required.
Samuell Bartlett Esqr Chosen Town Clerk & sworn before Thomas Forster Esqr.
Then the town voted to Choose Seven Select men for the Ensuing year and made Choice of Messrs Thomas Forster Esqr George Watson Esqr Deacn John Torrey, Thomas Mayhew Esqr Capt Thomas Jackson Deacn Joseph Bart-

lett Capt. Theophilus Cotton chosen Select Men and all Eccept Col. Watson Took the oath Relative to the other Governments money (in open Town Meeting)

John Cotton Esqr Deacn John Torrey John Blackmer Chosen Assessors.

*John Cotton Esqr Chosen Town Treasurer & sworn before Thomas Forster Esqr

Then voted that there be kept in the Town this year the same Number of Schools & Under the same Regulations that they Were the Last year and made Choice of Thomas Foster Esqr Thomas Mayhew Esqr Deacn John Torrey Were Chosen a Committee for to Supply the Gramer School with a Suitable Master or Masters for the Currant year.

Joseph Silvester Benjamin Rider Junr Israel Clark were Chosen a Comtee to Supply the Schoole at Monement Ponds.

Dean Nathll Morton Ezekiel Morton Joseph Warren A Committee for Eell River Schoole.

Dean Joseph Bartlett Nathaniel Morton Junr Ichabod Holmes A Commitee for Wellingsley Schoole

Capt. Theo Cotton Capt Nichs Nelson Lemuel Jackson A Committee for the Schoole in the North part of the Town.

The Votes for a County Treasurer were Brought in and Seald up in open Town Meeting by one of the Constables viz Jonathan Churchell.

Then the Law Respecting the Sabath and the Choice and Duty of Wardens was Read in Town Meeting Imediately before the Choice of Wardens and, Ephraim Cobb Samll Cole Silas Morton Ichabod Holmes Dean Elisha Holmes Chosen Wardens.

[**204.**] Then the Town voted that the Constables Shall be Collectors of the Town Taxs and to Allow the Constables for Collecting and paying the Towns money Twelve Pence on the Pound a Premium Provided they Give Bonds To the Town Treasurer To Indemnify & save the Town Harmless from all Charge & Damages that May Arise by

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* John Cotton was the son of Josiah Cotton and great grandson of Rev. John Cotton of Boston. He was born in Plymouth in 1712 and graduated at Harvard in 1730. He was ordained minister of Halifax in 1736, but left the ministry in 1756 becoming Register of Deeds and holding that office until his death, March 4, 1789. He was also town treasurer from 1761 until his death, and a Selectman several years. He married in 1747 Hannah, daughter of Josiah Sturtevant.

their Deficiency or Neglect. Then the Town voted and made Choice of Eleazer Ellis Nathll Donham Joseph Trask Deer Reeves.

A vote was Called to Know the Towns Mind Whether the Swine Shold be Permitted To Go at Large with Rings and Yokes this year. Voted in the Negative. Then the Town voted that there Shall be no Alewives Taken this year out of the Town Brook so Called for Sale, and Further voted that there shall not be more than Two Hundred Barriells Taken for sale out of the Brook that runs out of half Way Pond, and other Brooks within the Limmits of Said Town.

Ebenezer Samson Silvanus Brimhall Zacheus Churchell Committee to Take Care of the Town Brook Respecting Alewives.

A vote was called Whether a Comtee Shold be Chosen to take a view of the Breaches that are any Where made in the Beach and make Report thereon What they think it is best for the Town to Do Relative thereto at The Adjournment of this Meeting. Voted in the Affirmative.

John Torrey George Watson Esqr Capt Theo Cotton John Russell Capt Thomas Jackson Were Chosen for sd Commitee

Capt. Theo Cotton Mr John Russell Nathll Morton Junr Dean Nathll Warren Willm Ellis Junr Chosen Surveyors of the High Ways & Sworn in open Town Meeting Before Thomas Foster Esqr Eccept Willm Ellis Junr.

John Waterman Amos Donham Joseph Warren Chosen Tything Men.

James Drew Benjamin Churchell Zacheus Churchell Packers of Fish & Gaugers of Casks.

Levi Drew Richard Cooper Josiah Jonson Willm Clark Jonathan Bartlett Samuel Marshall, Amos Donham Chosen Hogreeves & Levi Drew Sworn in open Town Meeting.

Thomas Spooner Willm Rider Sealers of Leather

George Watson Esqr James Hovey Esqr James Warren Esqr Dean John Torrey Dean Joseph Bartlett Nathaniel Bartlett Chosen Fire Wards

[**205.**] Jeremiah Holmes Jonathan Samson Thomas Lothrop William Clark Silvanus Bartlett Fence Viewers & Field Drivers.

John Kempton David Turner Thomas Savory David Turner Junr William Rickard Surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of Timber, Plank & Boards.

Amaziah Churchell Lemuel Morton Nathaniel Morton Junr To Take Care of Plymouth Beach So Called Agreeable to the Province Law in that Behalf made and Passed.

John May James Drew & Benjamin Churchell Surveyors of Clapboards & Shingle and viewers & Cullers of Staves & Hoops Agreeable to an Act Passed the Generall Court of this Province at there Sessions in June 1762.

Zacheus Mendall Thomas Jackson Junr Amaziah Churchell Benja Rider Junr To Serve on the Petit Jury of Trials at the Next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas and Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace To be holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of April Next.

Ebenezer Donham Lemuel Jackson Chosen Grand Jurors for the Ensuing year.

Then this Meeting was Adjourned to Tuesday ye 20th Instant at 11 of the Clock in the forenoon.

We the Subscribers Select Men of the Town of Plymouth with the Advice and Consent of Thomas Foster Esqr one of his Majestie's Justices of the Peace for the County of Plymo Have Set off and by these Presents Do Assign and Set off the high Ways Streets and Common Roads in sd Town into Six Districts as Follows viz—

1st The First District Begins at Kingston line and Extends Southerly by the North *west Corner of the Widdow Mercy Hedges House and Includes the street called Kings street and so Directly Down to the Water side & the way along the Water side Between sd streets and New Street So Called also the Way upon Coles Hill.

2 The Second District Begins at the North West Corner of sd Hedges House & Extends Southerly To the North Side of the Town Bridge Including all the Streets and Ways Eastward of the Main Street in sd Town to and by the Water Side and Coles Hill Between Said Hedge Corner and Said Town Bridge as also the Streets & Roads Leading to Plimton as Far as the Town Line.

3 The Third District Begins at the South side of the Town Bridge and Extends to the House Belonging to the Heirs of Thomas Sears Deceasd as the Country Road Goes,

* Mercy Hedge was the widow of Barnabas, and her house was that standing now on the corner of Main and Middle Streets. She was the widow of Samuel Cole and daughter of William Barnes.

and all the Roads & Ways Lying Westward of said Country Road Within those Limmitts.

4 The Fourth District Begins at the House of Said Sears' Heirs and Extends Southerly as the Country Road Goes Toward Barnstable as Far as the House of Benjamin Cornish and Includes all the high Ways and Common Roads Westward of sd Country Road within those Limitts.

5 The Fifth District Begins at Said Cornish House & Extends Southerly as the Country Goes as Far as Sandwich.

6 The Sixth District Begins at the Corner Where Eeel River School House Formerly stood and Includes all the High Way and Common Roads From thence to and in Monement Ponds Precinct Lying to the Eastward of the Country Road.

The first District is assigned to Capt. Theos Cotton one of the Surveyors of ye high Ways of sd Town.

The Second to Mr. John Russell
The Third to Nathaniel Morton Junr
The Fourth to Dean Nathll Warren
The Fifth to Willm Elles Junr
The Sixth to Jonathan Harlow
Plymouth March 14 1764

John Torrey
Thomas Mayhew
Selectmen of Plymouth
Thomas Foster Justice of the Peace.

[**206.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants in the Town of Plymouth Assembled & Held in the Court House in said Plymouth on Tuesday ye 20 of March By Adjournment from Tuesday The 13 of this Instant March Anno Domini 1764. Jonathan Harlow was Chosen Surveyor of ye High Ways
Dean Elisha Holmes Samuel Cole who were Chosen Wardens are now Sworn in to sd office In Open Town Meeting

Then a vote was called to Know the Towns Mind if they would Accept the Report of the Committe Chosen to Examine the Tax bills Comittd Formerly to Jonathan Darling & George Holmes Collectors. Voted in ye Affirmative.

Voted to Accept the Comittees Report that Were Chosen to View and Examine The Breaches that are made in the Town Beach So Called. Then voted that the Consideration of and acting on said Report be Continued to the Town Meeting in May Next.

A Vote was Called to Know the Town's Mind if they would allow the Collectors one Shilling per pound for Collecting the Taxs Voted in ye affirmative. The above said Vote was Reconsidered.

Then a vote was Called to Know if the Town would allow to ye Collectors of Taxs Four pence on a pound to add to the Eight pence on a pound which was voted ye 13th of this Instant March and on the same Conditions. Voted in ye affirmative.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to 5 a Clock this afternoon.

At sd Meeting Joseph Bates William Rickard Samuel Battles Chosen Constables

Ichabod Holmes was sworn as a Wardeen in open Town Meeting.

Gershom Holmes Chosen Saxton

At said Meeting The Town Voted as Followeth viz—

In answer to the Petition of Isaac & Thomas Lothrop Praying for Liberty to build a Wharf adjoining to the New Wharf So Called at the Corner a Little to the Eastward of Melatiah Lothrop's Warehouse and from thence on a Direct Line aCross the Common Landing to the Wharfe owned by the Heirs of Isaac Lothrop Esq Deceased. Voted that sd Petitioners have Liberty to Build such a Wharfe as is prayed for provided it be Done to the Acceptance of the Town, Provided also that when sd Wharfe is Built it shall still be Owned Improved & Used by the Town as a Common Landing and to be kept Free from Incumberances to all Intents & Purposes for the use of a Common Landing and be Built Free from any Charge to The Town. Then This Meeting Was Adjourned To Monday ye 26 Instant 5 a Clock in the afternoon.

[**207.**] At a Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth Assembled & held by adjournment (in the Court House in Plimouth) From Tuesday 20th day of March Instant to Monday the 26th day of March Instant anno Domini 1764 Samuel Bartlett Esqr the Town Clerk haveing sent word to the Town that he was Sick and unable to attend the meeting, The Town made Choice of John Torrey to be their Clerk For the Present meeting who was sworn Before Thomas Foster Esqr.

Samuel Battles Who was Chosen one of the Constables

of the Town For the Present year haveing come into this meeting and made excuses and Given Reasons Why he could not serve the Town in that Office, A vote was Called Whether his Reasons were Sufficient and Whether the Town would excuse him From Serving as Constable, voted in the affirmative.

Then the Town made Choice of John Bartlett Junr For a Constable.

Then William Rickard and John Bartlett Junr who were chosen two of the Constables For the present year, Presented Mr. Ebenezer Donham To the Town to Serve as Constable in their Room, and the Town voted to accept of said Ebenezer Donham For a Constable in the Room and Stead of said Rickard & Bartlett and said Ebenezer Donham was Sworn to the Faithful Discharge of that office Before Thomas Foster Esqr

At a Town Meeting assembled & held in ye Court House In Plymouth on Tuesday Apr 10th 1764 Elkanah Watson Nathaniel Torrey Jonathan Diman Jeremiah Howes Chosen to Serve on The Grand Jury

John Waterman John Churchell John Kempton John May Nehemial Ripley David Turner Chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryalls

All to serve at the Next Superior Court of Judicature &c To be holden at Plymo within and for the County of Plymo on the Last Friday of this Instant April.

[208.] To the Constables of the Town of Plimouth in the County of Plymouth, or Either of them Greeting.

These are in his Majesty's Name to Will and Require you Forthwith To Warn & Give Notice to Zepheniah Doten and his Familly Who Came Into this Town the latter End of April Last or the beginning of May, From the Town of Plimton That They Immediately Depart This Town or else they may expect to be proceeded Against According to Law, Also you are Alike Required to Warn & Give Notice to Reginald Mackreth a Stranger Who came From Liverpool In Nova Scotia into this Town in the Month of October Last that he Depart This Town Immediately or that otherwise be will be proceeded against according to Law. And you are alike Required to Warn & Give Notice to Abigail Waite Who came into this Town in the month of February Last from the Town of Hardwick In the County of Worces-

ter that she Depart This Town Immediately otherwise She may Expect to be proceeded Against according to Law. Hereof fail Not and make Return of this Warrant and your Doings Therein To the Selectmen of Plymouth as Soon as May be.

Plymouth April ye 11, 1764

John Torrey Thos Mayhew Thos. Foster Selectmen of Plymouth.

Pursuant To the above Warrant to me Directed I have Warned the Severall Persons within Named To Depart this Town Imediately by Reading this Warrant To them pr Ebenezer Donham Constable Plymo Apr ye 13 1764

At a Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth Mett & Assembled at the Court House In Plymouth on Monday the 14th day of May Anno Domine 1764 at sd Meetting a vote Whas Called to Know the Town's mind if they would Choose more Representatives than one For the Currant year, Voted in the Negative.

Then the Town made Choice of Thomas Foster Esqr To Serve as Representative to Represent the sd Town of Plymouth At the Great & Generall Court & Assembly of this Province to be Convened & Held at Concord upon the Last Wednesday of this Instant May. At sd Meeting Thomas Foster Esqr Was Choosen Moderator & Took the Oath By Law Required Before Samuell Bartlett Esqr Justice of the Peace.

At sd Meeting Thomas Foster Esqr Was Choosen Agent, Who Is Desired & Directed to Prefer a Petition to the Great & General Court of this Province, at their Next Session, Seting Forth the Dangerous and Deplorable Condition of the Beach Comonly Called Plymouth Beach, Which Makes the Harbour in sd Town; & the Great Danger sd Harbour Is In of Being Intirely Spoiled and Ruined if Some Measures Be not Immediately Taken to Prevent the Same; Praying the sd Court's Interposition, aid & Assistance & that they Would Grant them Such Relief as they In their Wisdom may Think Fit.

At a Town Meeting Asembled & Held In the Court House at Plymouth on Wednesday ye 13th Day of June Anno Domini 1764.

Robert Harlow, Samuel Cole where chosen to serve on the Petit Jury For Tryalls At the Next Inferior Court of

Common Pleas To be holden at Plymouth Within & For the County of Plymouth on the first Tuseday of July next.

[**209.**] At a Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth assembled & Held at the Court House In Plymouth on Thursday the 12th Day of July Anno Domini 1764.

At sd Meeting Thomas Foster Esqr Was Chosen Moderator & Sworn Before Samll Bartlett Esqr Justice of the Peace.

Then the Town Voted to chuse a Committe of 13 persons To veiw The Beach; and accordingly made choice of Mess George Watson Esqr, Capt. Thomas Jackson, James Warren Esqr, Thomas Foster, Esqr, Lemuell Morton, Capt. John Finney, Nathaniel Warren, Jeremiah Howes, Capt. Theophilus Cotton, John Torry, Nathll Morton, Junr, Ichabod Holmes & Joseph Warren. This committee to veiw the Beach Called Plimouth Beach & Report what They Think Propper & Nessessary to Be Done to secure the sd Beach & Harbour & To Project some Plan or method, that they may think Best for The Town to Do In ye Premises & to make an estimate of the charge & To make Report At the Adjournment of this meeting.

John Cotton Esqr, Deacon John Torry, John May, chosen a comitte to View ye Lotts at Coles Hill & To search The Town's Records to see whether the Grantees Had Complied With the condition of their Grants.

Then this Meeting Was Adjourned to Wednesday ye 10th of July Instant At 3 of ye Clock In the Afternoon.

At a Town Meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth; assembled & Held at the Court House In Plymouth By Adjournment from Thursday 12th Day of July Instant, To Wednesday the 18th Day of July Instant Anno Domini 1764. The Report of the Comitte chosen to view the Beach &c as Above Was Read In the Town Meetting & the Town Voted their Acceptance of it. Sd Report Is as followeth, viz.: The subscribers a Comitte as within mentioned, Haveing Viewed the Beach Within mentioned Do Report that we think it proper & Nessessary for secureing the sd Beach & the Harbour Depending thereon, that there Be Built a very Good & strong Hedge Imediately Well secured Behind with a Good Backing of Posts & Rails In the two Breaches From Sand Hill to Sand Hill

against the Beach woods; & Likewise set a couple of smaller Hedges In the two Low places to the Southward of the Beach woods, & that there Be next Spring Beach Grass Transplanted against the sd Breaches & Low Places, and that they choose some suitable Persons Well acquainted with such Business to Procure The Stuff & Get the Work Done & that We Estimate the Expence of the same At Twenty Pounds Lawful Money.

James Warren, John finny, Jeremiah Howes, Lemuell Morton, Nathll Warren, Ichabod Holmes, Nathll Morton, Jur, Major Part of the said committee.

Then the Town made choice of Capt. John finney, Jeremiah Howes & Lemuell Morton To Procure the Stuff Needfull & Gett the sd work performed & Well Done According to the Best of their Judgments.

[210.] At said meeting the Town Voted to continue the Affair Relative to the Lotts at Cole's Hill to the Next Town meeting.

A meeting of The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of The Town of Plimouth Assembled & Held At the Court House In Plimouth on Tuesday ye 18th of Septbr Anno Domini 1764. At sd meeting Thomas Foster Esqr Whas chosen Moderator & Took The oath By Law Required;

Benjamin Rider Junr Whas chosen Constable In the Room of Joseph Bates Who Whas chosen Constable, Whom the Court of Sessions Excused From Serving.

Then the Town Proceeded & Voted to Raise two Hundred & Fifty Pound L money To Defray the Necessary Charges of The Town this Present year.

And Also Voted That The Assessors In Makeing The Taxes Shat Not exceed the sum of fifteen pounds surplusage & Voted that the Assessors Are Directed To Make the Taxes In the same Manner & Method that they made them the Last year.

As to the Affair of Abigail Bartlett & Isaac Morton Respecting their Loss & Damages They sustained By Perez Tilson's Haveing the Small Pox in their House. The Town voted that the Selectmen are Desired & Directed To Settle that Affair with them the sd Abigail & Isaac. Voted that A Comitte Be chosen to confer with the owners of the Lotts By the side of Coles Hill Relating to the conditions of their Grants & To Acquaint them with the report of

A Comitte That Whas Appointed to examine the Records of these lotts & To Take A View of them. John Cotton Esqr, John May, & John Torrey were chosen for sd committe.

At sd meeting voted that Thomas Foster Esqr, Coll George Watson, Thomas Mayhew Esqr Deacon John Torry & Mr. Jonathan Samson Be a committee to take under Consideration the Affair Mentioned In the warrant Relative To ye Removeing the Pest House In Plimouth And Report to the Town At The Adjournment of This meeting What May Be Proper For The Town to Do In ye Affair. Also To consider of Some Proper Place to Remove sd House to & to see if such Place May Be Obtained & on what Terms In case the Town should vote to Remove said House.

At sd meeting Silvanus Bartlett, Thomas Morton Jonathan Harlow & Joseph Sylvester were chosen to serve on the Petit Jury For Tryalls At the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas & Court of General sessions of the Peace To be Holden At Plimouth Within & For the County of Plimouth on The First Tuesday of October next.

Then this meeting Whas Adjourn To Monday ye 15th of October next at 2 clock In the afternoon.

[211.] A Town Meeting Assembled & Held At The Court House In Plimouth On Monday the 15th of October 1764 By Adjournment from Tuesday the 18th of September Last: Monday ye 15th of October at two of The clock In the Afternoon. The Town Mett & ye meeting was opened at ye Time Appointed By ye Adjournment & the Meeting was then further Adjourned to Thursday the 15th of November Next at two of The clock In ye Afternoon.

The Town Meeting which was by Adjournment to be Attended this Day there was But very few Persons Appeared & the Moderator Being Absent there was No Business transacted.

A Town Meeting Assembled & Held At the Court House In Plimouth on Monday ye 24th of December 1764.

At sd meeting Jonathan Diman, Ezekiel Morton, Daniel Diman & Nathaniel Leonard Were chosen to serve on the Petit Jury For Tryalls At the Next Inferior Court of Common Pleas & Court of General Sessions of the Peace To Be holden at Plimouth Within & for the County of Plimouth on the first Tuesday of January Next.

At a Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plimouth assembled & Held at the Court House in sd Plimouth on Tuesday ye 12th of March A. D. 1765. Thomas Foster Esqr was chosen Moderator & Took the oath By Law Required.

Samuel Bartlet Esqr chosen Town Clerk & sworn Before Thomas Foster Esqr Justice of the Peace.

Thomas Foster Esqr, Edward Winslow Esqr, Dean John Torry, Capt. Theophilus Cotton, George Watson Esqr chosen select men & sworn In Open Town Meeting.

In chosing the select men By the First Voates Brought in Thomas Foster Esqr, Edward Winslow Esqr, Dean John Torrey & Capt. Thomas Jackson, were chosen Select men but Capt. Jackson excusing Himself By his son the Town accepted of his Excuse & a voate was called for two more Select men & Capt Theophilus Cotton Was Chosen, then a voate was Called for One more Select man & George Watson Esqr Was Chosen & Were all sworn.

John Cotton Esqr Dean John Torry John Blackmer, chosen Assessors; John Cotton Esqr Chosen Town Treasurer & sworn Before Thomas Foster Esqr. Then the Town Voated that there Be the same number of Schools kept in the Town this year as there Was the last year & under the same regulations.

Lieut Elkanah Watson Dean John Torry were chosen the Committee For the Grammer school.

Dean Elisha Holmes Stephen Doten & James Clark committe For Monument Ponds school.

Dean Nathaniel Warren Ezekiel Morton & Joseph Warren committe For Eel River school.

[212.] Dean Joseph Bartlett Nathaniel Morton Junr Ichabod Holmes committe For the School at Wellingsley.

Capt. Theophilus Cotton Silas Morton & Ebenezer Nelson comitte For the School at Northend.

Voated That the Consideration of the Petition of Gideon White & Eight others appointed To take care of the great Engine as contained in the Warrant For this meeting be Refered to the adjournment of this meeting, sd Petition is as followeth, viz: To the Select men of Plymouth.

We the subscribers Being Appointed to manage & attend the great fire Engine belonging To this town In case of need, & it being an office of considerable trouble & Pains

we do Hereby Request that something may Be Inserted in the Next Warrent for a Town Meeting that the Town at sd Meeting may if they see cause, voate to Exempt us From all town Duties Dureing our continuance in sd station, Agreeable to the Practice at Boston for several years Past. We subscribe Gideon White, William Ryder, Samll Cole, Willm Rickard, Abiel Shurtleff, Zacheus Curtis, Lewis Bartlett, John May & William Crombie.

Plymouth February 18th 1765.

Then the Law Respecting the Sabbath & the Choice & Duty of Wardens, was read in Town Meeting Imediately Before the choice of Wardens.

Seth Morton Ebenezer Samson John Russell Ebenezer Nelson were chosen wardens.

Voated that the Constables be collectors of the Town, County & Province Taxes & to allow the constables for Collecting & Paying in the same eight Pence on the Pound, Provided they give Bonds to the Town Treasurer to Indemnify & save the town Harmless From All charge & Damages that may arise By their Deficiency or Neglect.

Capt. Theophilus Cotton Ebenezer Samson Josiah Morton Junr James Clark Phineas Swift surveyors of High Ways.

Then Voated that the Person that has most votes For Constable in either of the three Districts as they are Now Divided shall serve as Constable For the Present year. Samuel Cole, Benjamin Rider the third & Joseph Sylvester were chosen Constables. Then the Town Voated that there shall Be no Alewives Taken this year out of the Town Brook so Called For Sale & Further Voted that there shall Not Be more then two Hundred Barrells Taken For Sale out of the Brook that Runs out of Half Way Pond & other Brooks Within the Limmits of sd Town. Ebenezer Samson Silvanus Bramhall Zacheus Churchill committe to take Care of the Town Brook Respecting Alewives.

Jonathan Churchill John May Nathaniel Morton Ebenezer Samson To serve on the Petit Jury for Tryalls at the Next Inferior Court of Common Pleas & Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be Holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plimouth on the———Tuesday of April Next.

Then this meeting was adjourned to Thursday ye 21st Instant at ten Clock in ye forenoon. At the above sd Meet-

ing the voates For a County Treasurer Was Sealed up In Town Meeting By Ebenezer Donham Constable.

[**213.**] At a Town Meeting assembled & Held at the Court House In Plimouth on Thursday ye 21st of March Anno Domini 1765 By Adjournment From Tuesday ye 12th of this Instant March.

Ephraim Cobb Silas Morton were Chosen Grandjury men For the year Ensueing.

Ezekiel Morton Barnabas Churchill & Lemuel Jackson were chosen Tytheingmen.

Benjamin Rider the third appeared & Refused to serve in the office of Constable and A Voate Being Called to know if the Town would choose Any Person to Prosecute him it Passed in the Negative.

James Drew Benjamin Churchill Zacheus Churchill were chosen Packers of fish & Guagers of Casks.

Voated the same number of Hogreeves as Last year.

Josiah Waterman, Solomon Atwood, Silvanus Harlow, Nathaniel Barnes, John Patee & James Bartlett chosen Hoggreeves.

Thomas Spooner, William Rider Sealers of Leather.

George Watson Esqr, James Hovey Esq., James Warren Esqr, Dean John Torrey, Dean Joseph Bartlett & Nathaniel Bartlett chosen Fire Wards.

Jeremiah Holmes, Jonathan Samson, Samll Nichols Nelson, William Clark & Silvanus Bartlett Fence Veiwers & Field Drivers.

John Kempton, David Turner, Thomas Savory, David Turner Junr, William Rickard surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of Timber, Plank & Boards.

John May, James Drew & Benjamin Churchill surveyors of Clapboards & Shingles & Viewers & Cullers of Staves & Hoops agreeable to an Act Passed the Generall Court of this Province at there Sessions in June 1762.

Eleazer Ellis, Nathaniel Donham, Joseph Trask, chosen Deer Reeves.

Amaziah Churchill, Lemuell Morton, Nathll Morton Junr, to take care of Plymouth Beach So Called agreeable to the Province Law in that Behalf Made & Passed.

Gershom Holmes chosen saxton.

Then the Town voated that the Collectors chosen this year shall Have One Shilling on the Pound Includeing the

Eight Pence on the Pound already voated them For Collecting & Paying in the Town, County & Province Taxes. Provided they Give Bonds as usually (Before) to save the Town harmless.

Samuel Cole appeared & Refused to serve in the office of Constable & A Voate Being Called to know if the Town would choose any person to prosecute him, it Passed in the Negative, (he being at Present a Warden.)

[214.] Ichabod Shaw, Zacheus Bartlett chosen Constables.

Voated Not to choose any person to Prosecute Zachs Bartlett as Constable, he haveing served in that office some years Past.

*John Russell was as a Warden in open Town Meeting Before Thomas Foster Esqr, Joseph Bartlett Junr chosen Constable. Then this meeting Was adjourned to Thursday ye 28th of March Instant at three of the clock in the afternoon.

At a Town Meeting assembled & Held at the Court House In Plimouth on Thursday ye 28th of this Instant March Anno Domini 1765. By adjournment From the 21st of March Instant, at sd Meeting Mr. Ichabod Shaw came into the meeting & Refused to serve as Constable & Paid five Pound For his Fine, By Giveing a note on Demand to the Town Treasurer & Joseph Bartlett Junr appeared & Refused to serve as Constable, & Paid a Fine of five Pound by Giveing a note on Demand To the Town Treasurer. Voted that the consideration of the Petition of Thomas Foster Esqr & Four others Respecting the Building a Gristmill near the New Bridge &c as is expressed in the warrent For this meeting be Refered to the Town Meeting In May Next, at sd meeting.

Samuel Cole & William Warren were chosen Constables.

At a Town Meeting assembled & Held at the Court House in Plimouth on Thursday ye 28th of March Anno Domini 1765 at four of ye clock in the afternoon.

Messrs. Elkanah Watson, David Turner & Daniel Diman chosen to serve on the Grand Jury.

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* John Russell was born in Scotland in 1728 and came to Plymouth about 1745 and married in 1757, Mercy, daughter of Nathaniel Foster. He was the grandfather of the late Thomas Russel and his brother, Capt. John Russell. He owned and occupied the house recently owned and occupied by Thomas B. Bartlett. He died in 1776.

John Blackmer, Dean Joseph Bartlett, Thomas Swift, Thomas Jackson, Jeremiah Howes & John Finney chosen to serve on the Petit Jury For Tryalls.

All to serve at the Next Superior Court of Judicature &c; to be Holden at Plimouth Within & For the County of Plimouth on the third Tuesday of May next.

At a Town Meeting assembled & Held at the Court House In Plimouth on Monday ye 8th of Aprill Anno Domini 1765.

Whereas at a Town Meeting Assembled & Held at the Court House In Plimouth on ye 28th of March Last Samll Cole & William Warren were chosen Constables & Collectors For the year Ensueing & they Haveing Hired Mr. Jonathan Diman to serve in their Room & stead the sd Jonathan Being Present at sd Meeting Manifested His Willingness to serve For them Both & a Vote Was Called to know if the Town would accept of the sd Jonathan Diman to serve in the Room & Place of the sd Samll & William. Voted in the Affirmative, & accordingly the sd Jonathan made oath Before Thomas Foster Esqr Justice of the Peace to the faithfull Discharge of that Trust.

[**215.**] At a Town Meeting assembled & Held at the Court House in Plimouth on Thursday ye 16th of May Anno Domini 1765. At sd Meeting a vote was Called to Know the Town's mind if they would choose more then one Representative For the Current year. Voted in the Negative.

Then the Town Proceeded & made Choice of Thomas Foster Esqr to serve as Representative to Represent the sd Town of Plymouth At the Great & Generall Court & Assembly of this Province to Be Convened & Held at Boston Upon the Last Wednesday of May Instant.

At sd meeting Thomas Foster Esqr was chosen Moderator.

Then the Town Voted that A Committe Be chosen to take a veiw of the School House & the Situation of it & to Consider Whether it would Be Best for the Town to repair the House where it stands or to Build A new one in another Place & to make An Estimate of What The Expence Would be and make Report at the Adjournment of this meeting & voted that sd Committe consist of seven Persons.

Deacon Torry, Collo Watson, Edwd Winslow Esqr, John

May, Doctr Wm. Thomas, Dean Thos Foster, Collo Warren were chosen a committee for that affair.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 20th of May Instant at 3 of the Clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting Assembled & Held at the Court House in Plimouth On Monday ye 20th of May A Domini 1765, By Adjournment From Thursday ye 16th of May Instant.

At sd meeting The Report of the Committe To take into Consideration the School House was Read in Town Meeting & the vote was put whether the Town will accept said Report, Voted in the Negative.

Then a vote was Put whether it was thought necessary by the Town that New School House Be Built. Voted in the affirmative.

Voted that a committee be chosen to consider of some Place that they shall think most suitable & Proper For the Town to build a School House upon & make Report at the next Town Meeting & that the Committe Consist of Seven Persons and Collo George Watson, Dean John Torry, Thos. Mayhew Esqr, Jno Cotton Esqr, Mr. John Russell, Mr. Elkanah Watson & Capt. Thos Jackson were chosen For sd committe.

Voted that a Committe Be chosen to take the care & to Have the oversight of Building a School House on such Place as the Town shall appoint & that they procure materials For Building sd School House as soon as they can conveniently & Agree with Proper Workman To do the Labour & James Hovey Esqr, Edward Winslow Esqr & Thos Mayhew Esqr were chosen For sd Committe.

The the Petition of Thos. Foster Esqr & others Respecting their Building a Gristmill at the Lower Bridge was again Read & Debated Upon & finally The Petitioners Beg'd Leave to withdraw their Petition, Which the Town Granted.

[**216.**] At A Town Meeting Assembled & Held at the Court House In Plimouth on Monday ye 17th of June Anno Domini 1765. At sd Meeting Nathll Churchill & Samuel Lanman to serve on the Petit Jury for Tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas & Court of Generall sessions of the Peace to be Holden at Plimouth Within & for the County of Plimouth on ye 1st Tuesday of July next.

At a Town Meeting assembled & Held at the Court House In Plimouth on Monday ye 12th Day of August Anno Dom-

ni 1765. Stephen Doten, Israel Clark, Thomas Davee & James Shurtleff chosen To Serve on the Petit Jury For Tryalls at the Next Inferior Court of Common Pleas & Generall Sessions of the Peace to be Holden at Plimouth Within & for the County of Plimouth on ye 1st Tuesday of October Next.

At sd meeting Thomas Foster Esqr was chosen Moderator & Took the oath Relative to other Governments paper money.

Then the Report of the Committe to consider of some Suitable Place For the Town to set a School House Upon Haveing taken the Matter into our Consideration are of opinion that the spot of Ground Lying Between the north End of the Upper meting House and the Land belonging to the estate of Mr. Thomas Wetherell Decd is the most suitable Place For that Purpose.

John Torrey, Thos Mayhew, Elkanah Watson, John Russell, John Cotton, sd committe.

Plimouth August 10th 1765.

Voted that the old School House be sold For most it will Fetch & the Money arising By Sale thereof be returned into the Town Treasury & that a Committe of Three be appointed For that end & Thos. Mayhew Esqr., Edward Winslow Esqr & Lieut. Elkanah Watson be sd Committee.

[**217.**] Voted that a Committe be Chosen to Repair to the Beach & take a view of the Breaches & Weak Places thereof & Consider of some Proper method For the Town to take for the Security of the same & make Report at the adjournment of this meeting & that sd Comitte Consist of nine &

Collo James Warren, Capt. Theophilus Cotton, Edward Winslow Esqr, Gideon White, Lemuel Morton, Nathaniel Morton Junr, Deacon Nathaniel Warren, Capt. Thomas Jackson, Capt. John Finney & Deacon John Torrey. Capt. Cotton being excused By his Desire & Deacon Torrey was chosen in his Room. Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 19th of August Instant at 3 of ye clock in the afternoon.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & Held at the Court House In Plimouth on Monday ye 19th of August Anno Domini 1765, By adjournment From Monday ye 12th of August Instant.

The Committe appointed to Repair to the Beach Reported, the vote Was Put wether the Town would accept the Report of sd Committe as it now stands, voted in the Negative. Voted that the sum of Six Pounds thirteen shillings & four Pence be added to the sum of Fifty Three Pounds six shillings & Eight Pence For the Schoolmaster's salary the Present year.

Voted that the sum of Three Hundred Pounds be assessed on the Polls & estates of the Inhabitants of this Town For the Defraying the charges of the Town this Present year.

[**218.**] At a Town Meeting Assembled & Held at the Court House in Plimouth on Monday ye 14th of October A Domini 1765 James Warren Esqr was chosen Moderator & sworn.

A vote was Calld whether the Town would Give Instruction to their Representative how to act at the Great & General Court in the present Crittical Conjuncture of affairs, more especially in what is Relative to the stamp Act, Passed in the Affirmative unanimously.

Voted That a Committe be chosen to Draw up said Instructions & that sd Comitte consist of nine Persons & that they Lay them Before the Town at the Adjournment of this meeting.

Collo Warren, James Hovey Esqr, Thos Southworth Howland, Thomas Mayhew Esqr, John Torry, Nathll Goodwin, Nathan Delano, Capt. Cotton, Ephraim Cobb, were chosen sd committe.

Then this meeting was adjourned to Monday the 21st of October Instant at 3 of the clock in the afternoon.

At a Town Meeting assembled & Held at the Court House in Plimouth on Monday ye 21st of October A Domini 1765 By Adjournment From ye 14th of October Instant.

At sd Meeting The Town unanimously voted to accept of the Instructions that were draughted by the Committe that were appointed For that purpose on Monday Last, sd Instructions are as followeth, viz:

[**219.**] The Committe appointed by the Town of Plimouth at their meeting on Monday the 14th Day of October Instant, to whom was Refer'd the Draughting of Instructions For their Representative, Have attended that service & unanimously agreed on the following, viz: To Thomas Foster Esqr Representative of the Town of Plimouth at

the Great & General Court of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.

Sir, As we have the highest esteem of the British Constitution which we think Founded on the True Principles of Liberty and to Deserve on many accots the preference to any other now on Earth, We cant But Reflect with Pleasure on our own Happiness in being sharers in that Liberty, those Rights, and that security which Results from them to every subject, in the wide extended Dominions of our most Gracious Sovereign who has not forfeited his right to them by Disloyalty to his King, want of attachment and a Resonable submission to the British Government & Love to his Fellow subjects there, these are so Foreign to the character of the People of this Country that Calumny itself has never been able to Fix it upon them we have evinc'd our Loyalty to our King, our affection to the Brittish Government and our Mother Country on all occasions By an uncommon Readiness to arrest in any Measures with our Blood & Treasure to extend their conquest & to enlarge their Dominions From which they Reap so many and great advantages, at the same time that we Reflect on our Happiness in haveing a natural & Constitutional Right to all the Priviledges of our Fellow subjects in Great Brittain we Behold with Pain & Horror any attempts to Deprive us of them, and cant but Look on such attempts as Instances of the Greatest Unkindness & Injustice this of the subject of our Present Complaint which not without Reason Echo From every mouth in every corner of this Distressed & Injured Country. Our youth the Flower of this country are many of them slain, our Treasure Exhausted in the service of our Mother Country, our Trade and all the numerous Branches of Business Dependent on it Reduced & Almost Ruined By severe acts of Parliament & now we are threatned by a Late Act of Parliament with being Loaded with Internal Taxes without our own consent or the voice of a single Representative in Parliament & with Being Deprived of that darling Priveledge of an Englishman, Trials By his Peers the consequence of the unconstitutional extension of the Power of Courts of Admiralty in America, these two are the main Pillars of the Brittish Constitution & the Glory of every Freeman their, so that the Depriving us of them creates such a Distinction Between us & them our Fellow subjects as cant be accounted For from any Principles of

Justice & Impartiality & we certainly have never given any occasion For we shall say nothing on this occasion of our Inability to Pay the many & Great Taxes Laid upon us by the Stamp Acts of the many new crimes opened By it which cannot But be committed by many People However Desireous they may be to avoid them of the Prodigious Penaltyes annexed to them or of the Great Hardship in subjecting the Trial of them to the Judgment of such a Court & Such a manner of conviction or of the many Great Disadvantages that must arise From these Measures To Great Brittain herself there are obvious Facts & have Already been handled in such a Masterly & Convincing manner by some of the Friends of both this & the Mother Country And of the Brittish Constitution,

[**220.**] (For they cant be seperated) as to Render it Unnecessary to enlarge on them.

You Sir Represent a People who are not only Desended From the First Settlers of this Country But Inhabit the very spot the First Possesed. Here was First Laid the Foundation of the British Empire in this Part of America which From a very small Beginning has Increased & spread in a Manner very surprising & almost Incredible, especially when we Consider that all this has Been effected without the Aid or assistance of any Power on earth that we have Defended Protected & secured ourselves against the Invasions & Cruelty of savages & the Subtility & Inhumanity of our Inveterate & natural enemies the French & all this without the appropriation of any Tax by stamp or stamp Acts Laid Upon our Fellow subjects in any Part of the King's Dominions For Defraying the Expences thereof. This place sir was at First the Asylum of Liberty & we hope will ever be Preserv'd sacred to it though it was then no more than a Forlorn Wilderness inhabited only by savage men & Beast to this Place our Fathers (whose memories be Rever'd Possesed of the Principles of Liberty in there Purity Disdaining slavery Fled to enjoy those Priveledges which they had an Undoubted Right to but were Deprived of By the Hands of Violence & Oppression in their native country. We sir their Posterity the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of this Town Legally assembled For that Purpose possesed of the same sentiments & Retaining the same ardour For Liberty think it our indispensible duty on this occasion to ex-

press to you these our Sentiments of the Stamp Act & its Fatal consequences to this Country & to Enjoyn it upon you as you Regard Not only the Welfare but the very being of this People that you (consistant with our allegiance to the King & Relation to The Government of Great Brittain) Disregarding all proposals for that Purpose Exert all Your Power & Influence to oppose the Execution of the Stamp Act at Least Untill we learn the success of our Petition. For Relief We Likewise to avoid Disgraceing the memories of our Ancestors as well as the Reproaches of our own Consciences & the curses of Posterity Recommend it to you to obtain if Possible in the Honourable House of Representatives of this Province a Full and Explicit assertion of our rights & to have the same entred on their Publick Records that all Generations yet to come may be convinced that we have not only a just sence of our rights & Libertys, but that we never (with Submission to Divine Providence) will be slaves to any Power on Earth & as we have at all times an abhorrence of Tumults & Disorders, we think ourselves happy in being at Present under no apprehension of any & in haveing Good & wholesome Laws sufficient to Preserve the Peace of the Province in all Future times, unless Provoked by some Inprudent Measures, so we think it By no means Adviseable For you to Interest yourself In the Protection of Stamp Papers or stamp officers. The only thing we have Further to Recommend to you at this time is to observe on all occasions a suitable Frugality & Occonomy in the Publick expences & that you consent to no unnecessary or unusual Grants at this time of Distress when the People are groaning under the Burthen of Heavy Taxes & that you use your Endeavourers To Enquire Into & Bear Testimony against any Past & to Prevent any Future unconstitutional Draught on the Publick Treasury.

Jas Warren pr order.

[**221.**] Also voted that the Assessors of this Town shall make the County & Town Taxes In the same manner & Form as they were made the Last year, & also Voted that in makeing the Province County & Town Taxes the Assessors shall not exceed a susplusage of fifteen Pound in the whole.

At a Town Meeting assembled & Held &c on Monday ye 2nd of December Anno Domini 1765.

At sd meeting James Clark, William Bartlett were chosen

to serve on the Petit Jury For Tryalls at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas & Court of General Session of the Peace to be Holden at Plimouth Within & For the county of Plimouth on the second Tuesday of December Instant.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & Held at The Court House in Plimouth on Thursday ye 16th of January Anno Domini 1766. Thomas Mayhew Esqr Was Chosen Moderator & Took the oath Relative To other Governments Money.

Deacn John Torrey was chosen Town Clerk for the Present meeting (Samll Bartlett Esqr The Town Clerk Being Absent) & Was sworn By Edward Winslow Esqr.

Then this meeting Was Adjourned To The school House in Plimouth By Reason of The Extream Cold. The Town Meet Imediately in the school House & a vote was Calld Whether The Town would make an Address of Thanks to the Town of Boston Agreable To the Subject Matter of the Petition of Docter Lazs LeBarron & thirty seven others. Voted in the affirmative, sd Petition is as Follows.

To the select men of the Town of Plimouth:

Gentlemen. We the Subscribers Freeholders in the Town of Plimouth, haveing the Highest sence of The Noble Patriotism & Generous Conduct of The Town of Boston, in many Instances more especially with Regard to The Difficulties we are now Involved in & the Injurious oppressions We are Embarrasd with, & Being Fully convinced of the many Great Advantages that Have Resulted from their spirit & Conduct, not only to Every Part of This Province But to the Whole Continent & as we concieve The Good People of this Town are unanimously of This Sentiment & would Be vey Glad of an opportunity To Express Their esteem of & Gratitude To the Town of Boston for their spirited conduct, do hereby Desire you To Call a Town Meeting as speedily as may be To Know if this Town will For the Reasons above vote an address of thanks to the Town of Boston.

Plimouth, Decn 30th 1765.

Dr. Lazs Le Baron	Mr. Isaac Lothrop
James Warren	Willm Watson
Thoms Mayhew	Mr Elka Watson
Thoms Jackson	Thos Davis
Nathan Delano	Epm Spooner

John Russell	Cornels Holmes
John Churchill	Joseph Rider Junr
Jere Holmes	Ebenr Nelson
Lemll Jackson	Ezek Morton
Perez Tillson	Silas Morton
Nathll Goodwin	Wm Rickard
Thos Torrey	Wm Ryder
Thos Southworth Howland	Amaziah Churchill
Abiel Shurtleff	Nathl Foster
Epm Cobb	John Blackmer
Stepn Samson	Dean Joseph Bartlett
Benja Warren	Nehemiah Ripley
Saml N. Nelson	David Turner

Thos Spooner

[222.] Voted that a Committe of Three Persons Be Appointed To Draw Up sd Address & Report it at the Adjournment of This Meeting.

Voted that Collo James Warren, Thoms Mayhew Esqr, & Lieut Elkan Watson be sd Committe.

Then This Meeting Was Adjourned For half an hour, at the end of which time they Assembled again & the Above Committe Reported Their Draught of an Address of Thanks to The Town of Boston, which was Read twice in Town Meeting & a vote Was Calld Whither The Town would accept sd Report. Voted in the Affirmative, which Draught is as Follows:

To the Respectable Inhabitants of The Town of Boston:—

Gentlemen—Att a Time when the Rights & Libertyes of this Country are Invaded & The Inhabitants threatened with the loss of Every thing, that is Dear to them, when they are Embarass'd with every Distress that is the never Failing Consequences of slavery & Poverty, no man or Society of men, who are sharers in the Common Calamity (Unless Totally Destitute of Every Spark of Publick Vertue & Patriotism) can Remain unfeeling & unactive spectators, but must be Ready on all occasions to Bless The Hearts Which Feel & The hands which exert Themselves to avert the Evils threatened & To Restore That Happiness Which Constantly attends the Full Enjoyment of Natural & Constitutional Rights & Libertyes. We therefore the Inhabitants of the Town of Plimouth Animated with a Spirit of Public vertue & Love of our country as well as Gratitude to all our Bene-

factors & more especially to such as have Distinguished themselves in the common cause of their country in this Day of Distress & Difficulty & Being Assembled in Town Meeting For that Purpose as a Publick Testimony of our esteem & Gratitude Beg you to Accept our Unitted & Generall Thanks for the Invariable Attachment you have (on all occasions & Particularly on the Present) shewn to the Principles of Liberty & For the vigorous exertions of your Loyall & Legal Endeavours to secure to your country the Uninterrupted Enjoyment of that Blessing & to Transmit the same Intire & Perfect to the Latest Posterity.

Instances of this much to your own Honnour & The Interest of your Country distinguished By the Unerring Marks of Disinterestedness & Generosity Crowd Upon our minds on this Occasion, but to avoid the Imputation of Prolixity Permitt us to single out a few which are Recent & must Readily Occur to Every ones mind & which are sufficient of themselves to Justifie our sentiments & merit the Gratitude of every well Wisher to this country.

The new Regulation with Regard to mourning which has not only saved this Country a Great & Needless expence & in a manner abolished a ridiculous Pageantry, but Produced Consequences in our Mother Country very benificial to us & all Principally at your Expences as your merchants were the Principle Importers & venders of those articles, a Measure which at the same time that it Reflects a Lustre upon your conduct shews By the success of it that the People of this country have vertue enough To Prefer its Interest to any Fashion that may stand in competition with it however

[**223.**] Established by long custom & very Perticular prejudice. The opposition you have at all Times made both to the foreign & domestic Invation of our Rights, Perticularly the Legall & Warrentable Measures you have taken to Prevent the execution of the stamp act in this Province. The spirited & Noble Application you have made to have the Custom Houses & Courts of Justice opened in this Province, Upon which our Welfare Peace & Tranquility so much Depend. The Testimony you have From First to Last bore against & The Abhorrence you have expressed of all outragious Tumults & Illegal Proceedings & their consequences & the Measures very early Taken to Restore Tranquility & the security of Property in your Town the Capital

of This Province, & the Good example Thereby Given To the other Towns of That Love of Peace & Good order which Influenced you & which we think sufficient to Destroy all those Injurious conections the work of some Peoples Imaginations & From which they affect to draw consequences not only Disadvantageous to you but to the whole country. To Conclude that you & your Posterity may even be Possesed of the Full Enjoyment of that Liberty you have so Laudably asserted & contented for that your trade & Commarce the source of riches & opulence to this Country may be extended & Flourish that you may ever continue to Deserve & have the Justice Done you to be Possessed of the Love & esteem of your Fellow Countrymen who Renouncing that solecism in Politicks which arises From an Unnatural Distinction Between Landed & Comercial Interest shall exert themselves to encourage your Hearts & strengthen your Hands, are The sincere wishes & ardent Prayers of your Fellow Subjects to the Best of Kings, your Fellow Sufferers in the calamitys of this country & Your Fellow Labourers in the Vineyard of Liberty the Inhabitants of the Town of Plimouth.

We the subscribers a Committee For that Purpose do Report the Foregoing as a suitable Address of Thanks For this Town to make to the Town of Boston.

Thos Mayhew
James Warren
Elkanah Watson.

It was then voted that the Town Clerk Draft a Coppy of sd Address & Transmitt the same to the Clerk of the Town of Boston to Be Presented to the Town of Boston at their next Town Meeting.

See the Answer [**227**]

Then this meeting Adjourned Without Day.

At a Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth assembled & held at the Court House in said Town on Monday the 17th of March A D 1766 James Warren Esqr was chosen Moderator and took the oath prescribed by Law.

John Cotton Esqr chosen Town Clerk and sworn by Thomas Foster Esqr.

George Watson Esqr. Deac John Torrey, Dr Lazarus LeBaron, Capt. Nathan Delano Mr. Elkanah Watson chosen Selectmen, who took the oath required by Law.

Deac John Torrrey, Eleazer Stephens, John Blackmer chosen Assessors.

[224.] The Town voted their thanks to Samuel Bartlett Esqr for his good service in the office of Town Clerk for above 20 years past, and also to give him at his Request the old Province Law Book belonging to the Town. And tht the Town Clerk send him a copy of this vote.

John Cotton Esqr chosen Town Treasurer & sworn before Thos Foster Esqr.

Then the Town bro't in their votes for Register of Deeds & County Treasurer which were sealed up in the open meeting by Jona Diman constable and comitted to his Care.

Ichabod Holmes, Nathl Shurtleff, James Drew, William Rickard chosen to serve on the Petit Jury for Tryals at the next Inferiour Court on the 2nd Tuesday of April next.

Voted that there be the same number of Schools kept in the Town this year as there was last, and under the same Regulations, Dr. Lazarus LeBarron Mr. Nathanl Goodwin Mr. Ephraim Cobb Committee chosen to take care of the Grammar School

Deac Elisha Holmes Mr. Stephen Doty Mr. John Blackmer Committee for Monument Ponds School

Deac Nathl Warren Joseph Warren Ezekiel Morton Comtee for the School at Eell River

Deac Joseph Bartlett Nathanl Morton Junr Ichabod Holmes Comittee for Wellingsley School.

Capt. Theophs Cotton Lemuell Jackson Ebenezer Nelson Committee for the School at the North End.

Then the Petition of Mr. Thomas Jackson & 12 others was read desiring "to know the Town's mind relative to the Town's hiring Constables or Collectors to collect the Town County & Province Taxes yearly" And whether "the Town will build a wharff from the lower end of Melatiah Lothrop's wharff to the north Wharff belonging to the Heirs of Coll Isaac Lothrop deceased."

Pursuant to the first article in this Petition—The Town voted to come into some new method for collecting the Town County & Province Taxes. Then voted to choose a Committee to consider what is proper to be done relating to this Article and to confer with any Person or Persons that offer to serve as Collectors, receive their Proposals and make Report at the Adjournment; to which time the further Consideration of this matter is referred.

Committee chosen Deacon Foster, Coll Watson, Capt Delano, Deac Torrey & Mr. Silva Bartlett. Also voted to choose a Committee to consider the latter Part of the Petition respecting the proposed wharff, to view the Premises and to make an estimate of the Charge and make Report of what they think proper for the Town to do thereon. Committee chosen Mr. Jona Diman, Deac Torrey, Jeremiah Holmes, Ephraim Cobb & Capt Delano. Then the meeting was adjourned to Thursday the 20th instant at 10 o'clock A M.

[**225.**] At a Town Meeting held by Adjournment at the Court House in Plymouth March 20 A D 1766.

Thomas Foster Esqr Chosen Moderator for this Meeting, James Warren Esqr the former Moderator being out of Town.

The Report of the Committee relating to the Collectors of Taxes read, wherein they proposed to divide the Town into Five Districts and to choose a Collector for Each. And it being put to vote whether the Town would accept of said Report It passed in the Negative.

Voted to give fifteen Pounds over & above the 12d pr Pound formerly given to the Collector or Collectors of the publick Taxes for the present year.

Jeremiah Holmes was chosen Constable & Collector of Taxes for the whole Town the ensuing year. He to give Bond as usual to indemnify the Town from all Harm & Loss, and was sworn in open meeting by Thomas Foster Esqr.

The Committee chosen to consider the latter Part of Capt Jackson's Petition (as entred on the other side) not making Report, the Consideration of the Affair respecting said Wharff was referred to May Meeting.

Then the Law respecting the Sabbath and the Choice & Duty of Wardens was read, and the Town proceeded to the Choice. And Mr. Joseph Rider Junr Mr. Isaac Lothrop Mr. William Crombie Mr. Nathl Morton Junr Mr. Ezekiel Rider were chosen Wardens

Jonathan Diman Samuel Pearse were chosen Grandjurymen for the year ensuing.

Benjamin Drew Amaziah Churchell Jonathan Harlow were Chosen Tithing men

James Drew Benja Churchell Zacheus Churchell were chosen Packers of Fish & Gaugers of Casks.

Levi Drew Solomon Atwood Silvanus Harlow Walter Rich James Clark Seth Morton Chosen Hog-Reeves

Thomas Spooner William Rider Sealers of Leather.

Mr Silvanus Bartlett Mr John Russell Chosen Clerks of the Market

Thomas Davie Thomas Davis Amaziah Churchell Thomas Jackson Junr Ebenezer Samson Ichabod Holmes Robert Bartlett Cullers of Fish

[226.] George Watson Esqr James Hovey Esqr James Warren Esqr Deac John Torrey Deac Joseph Bartlett Mr. Nathl Bartlett Chosen Firewards

Jeremiah Holmes Jonathan Samson Samuell Nichols Nelson William Clark Silvanus Bartlett Fence Viewers & Field Drivers

David Turner John Kempton Thomas Savery William Rickard David Turner Junr Surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of Timber, Plank & Boards.

John May James Drew Benja Churchell Surveyors of Clap-Boards & Shingles and Viewers & Cullers of Staves.

Zadok Barrow William Ellis Junr Joseph Trask Chosen Deer-Reeves.

Amaziah Churchell Lemuel Morton Nathl Morton Junr to take Care of Plymouth Beach agreeable to the Province Law.

Lemuel Jackson Nehemiah Ripley Ichabod Holmes Deac Nathl Warren Benjamin Cornish James Clark Surveyors of highways.

Then the Town voted that there shall be no Alewives taken this year out of the Town Brook (so Called) for sale, and further voted that there shall not be more than two hundred Barrells taken for Sale out of the Brook that runs out of Half-Way Pond & other Brooks within the Limits of said Town.

Nehemiah Ripley William Rider James Drew Daniel Diman Committee to take Care of the Town Brook, respecting Ale-wives

Deacon John Torrey Elkanah Watson Thomas Davis A Committee to procure a Sexton.

The Town also voted not to give any Premium for killing of Rats, as was proposed in the warrant.

[227.] At a Town Meeting assembled & held at the Court House in Plymouth on Friday the 25th Day of April A D 1766 at 4 P M.

Capt John Finney Mr. Melatiah Lothrop Mr. Silvanus Bramhall Chosen to serve on the Grand jury

Capt Nathan Delano Silvanus Bartlett John Harlow Junr Eleazer Stephens Lemuel Morton Thomas Spooner Chosen to serve on the Jury for Tryalls at the Next Superiour Court of Judicature &c to be holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the 3rd Tuesday of May next.

At a Town Meeting held at the Court House in Plymouth on Monday the 12th Day of May A D 1766 at 3 P M.

The Town made choice of James Warren Esqr to serve as Representative for said Town at the Great & General Court or Assembly of this Province, to be convened & held at Boston upon the last Wednesday of May instant. At said meeting the Answer of the Town of Boston to Plymouth's Address (recorded P 222) was read, and ordered to be recorded, and is as follows.—

"At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston legally qualified & warned in publick Town Meeting assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 10th Day of March, and continued by Adjournment to the 24th of said March A D 1766.—

The Committee appointed to make answer to the Letter of Address from the Town of Plymouth—Reported the following Draft, viz—

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth, Gentlemen. The Inhabitants of the Town of Boston legally assembled in Faneuil Hall have received with Singular Pleasure your respectful address of the 16th of January last. The warm Sentiments of public virtue which you therein express, is a Sufficient Evidence that the most ancient Town in New England to whose Predecessors this Province in a particular manner is so greatly indebted for their necessary Aids in its original Settlement, still retain the truly noble spirit of our renowned Ancestors.

When we recollect the ardent Love of Religion & Liberty which inspired the Breasts of those worthies; what induced them, at a Time when Tyranny had laid its offensive Hand on Church and State in their native Country, to forsake their fair Possessions, and seek a Retreat in this Distant Part of the Earth. When we reflect upon their early Care to lay a solid Foundation for Learning, even in a wilderness, as the surest, if not the only means of preserving & cherishing the Principles of Liberty & virtue, and transmitting

them to us their Posterity, our mind is filled with deep veneration, and we bless & revere their memory when we consider the immense Cost & Pains they were at in Subduing, cultivating & Settling this Land, with the utmost Peril of their lives; and the Surprising Increase of Dominion, Strength & Riches, which has accrued to Great Britain by their Expense & Labour, we confess we feel an honest indignation to think there should have been any among her Sons, so ungrateful as well as unjust & cruel as to seek their Ruin.

[228.] Instances of this too frequently occur in the past History of our Country. The names of Randolph of Andros & others are handed down to us with infamy. And the Times in which we live, even these very Times, may furnish some future Historian with a Catalogue of those, who look upon our rising Greatness with an envious Eye; and while we and our Sister Colonies have been exerting our growing strength in the most substantial service to the Mother Country, by Art & Intreague have wickedly attempted to deceive her into measures to enslave us.

If then, Gentlemen, the Inhabitants of this metropolis have discovered an invincible attachment to the Principles of Liberty when it has been invaded; if they have made the most vigorous Exertions for our Country, when she has been threatened with the Loss of every thing that is dear; if they have used their utmost endeavor, that she may be relieved from those Difficulties with which she is at this Time embarrass'd; if they have taken the warrantable & legal measures to prevent that misfortune, of all others the most to be dreaded, the Execution of the Stamp Act; and as a necessary means of preventing it, have made any spirited Application for opening the Custom Houses & Courts of Justice; if at the same Time they have bore their Testimony against outrageous Tumults & Illegal Proceedings, and given any Examples of the Love of Peace & good order—Next to the Consciousness of having done their Duty, is the Satisfaction of meeting with the Approbation of any of their Fellow Country-Men.

That the Spirit of our venerable Fore-Fathers may revive & be diffused through every Community in this Land. That Liberty, civil & religious, the grand object of their view, may still be felt, enjoyed & Vindicated by the present Generation, and the fair Inheritance transmitted to our latest

Posterity, is the fervent wish of this metropolis. Submitted by Samuel Adams John Ruddock John Hancock.

Whereupon voted, that the same be accepted and that the Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to transmit as soon as may be to the Town Clerk of Plymouth a fair and attested Copy thereof, in order to its being laid before said Town

Att William Cooper Town Clerk."

At a Town Meeting held at the Court House in Plymouth on Monday the 30th Day of June Anno Domini 1766.

Thomas Foster Esqr Chosen Moderator & Sworn. Voted that the sum of two hundred and ten Pounds be assessed on the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town for the Defraying of Town Charges this present year.

And the Assessors are directed in making the Taxes not to Exceed a Surplusage of fifteen Pounds.

Voted that it is the mind of the Town that *Mr Fobes (the present School Master) be applied to to keep the Grammar School the ensuing year, if he incline to it,—And that the Comittee appointed to take Care of said School be directed to wait on Mr. Fobes with a copy of this vote, offering him the same Terms upon which he kept the School the last year; But if he refuses, then to make application to some Gentleman to keep said School, that has not kept in this Town heretofore.

Voted that the Sexton's Salary for the present year shall be eight Pounds.

Voted to choose a Comittee to consider what is proper to be done in order to the Calling a meeting of the Proprietors of the Common Land within This Town, & the neighboring Towns formerly belonging to Plymouth, and to act & [229.] do everything that may appear necessary for that Purpose. Committee chosen Thomas Foster Esqr, John Cotton Esqr & Deacon John Torrey.

Deacon Nathl Warren Capt Jabez Harlow Chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the next Court to be held on the 1st Tuesday of July at Plymouth.

At a Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth assembled & held at the Court House on the 25th Day of August A D 1766 at 10 A M.

Dr Lazarus LeBarron Chosen Moderator and sworn.

* Perez Forbes was a native of Bridgewater.

James Warren Esqr Representative of this Town at the General Court, haveing petitioned the Town to give him some Instructions, if they tho't proper, with Regard to his Conduct at the next Sessions of the General Court. The Town voted to give him Instructions. And that Thomas Mayhew Esqr, Dr Lazarus LeBarron, & Mr. Nathanl Goodwin be a Committee to draw up said Instructions, and make Report in the Afternoon.

Then the Report of a Comittee relating to the common Land was read which was accepted and is as follows.

"We the Subscribers being appointed a Comittee to make Search into the state of the common Lands in this Town, & to Consider what is proper to be done in order to the calling a Proprietors meeting &c, Do make Report as follows—

That after the Strictest Search, we apprehend that *the Sheep-Pasture so called, consisting of three miles square of Land, does properly belong to the Town, and not to any particular Propriety

"We find that on May 24 1703 The Town voted that said Land should lay for perpetual Common.

And then granted the use of it to Sundry inhabitants (mentioned by name) to keep sheep on, who had subscribed to provide such a number of sheep each, To them their Heirs & Assigns forever,—with Liberty for them to build a House for a Shepherd, and for the Shepherd to break up, fence & improve 20 Acres of said land. The Town further voted, that any other Freeholder of the Town who should at any Time afterward see cause to put their sheep in the general Flock, should have Liberty to do so They paying their Proportion of the charge for the Shepherd's House, Folds, wages &c according to the number of sheep they put in. And that no others should have their sheep go on said Commons, but such as Joyn with the first undertakers & comply with these conditions. This Grant we apprehend is now wholly null & invalid. For

1st The Subscribers have not complied with the conditions of the Grant, but have long since thrown up their Scheme as impracticable, and therefore we conceive, have forfeited the Priviledge.

2nd Neither they nor their Heirs have made any claim (that we know of) for near 50 years past, nor any improve-

* For an account of the Sheep pasture see footnote, Vol. I, page 314.

ment for about 60 years, So that their Title is dead by Prescription.

3rd Three of the Committee that were chosen to treat with Plimpton about a Division of the Sheep Pasture between the two Towns (anno 1716) were some of the principal Subscribers, and in their Report agreed to the Division which shows that they thought their Right was extinct, or that they ceased their claim.

4th There was a Comittee chose by the Town (anno 1717) to treat with the undertakers about reimbursing [**230.**] their expences, after they had flung up the Design; and tis to be presumed they fully satisfied their Demands, as they have made no claim or stir since. This being the state of the case we think that the whole Right to said land reverts to the Town.

As for the Proprietors so called, we apprehend that (as such)they can have no claim to said Sheep Pasture—For we find,

1st That the Town in general always disposed of the Common Land as they thought fit till December 26 1704.

2nd And that they might have done so still even to this Day, if they had not then limited & restrained themselves by settling a particular Propriety by name, To the Exclusion of some New Comers into Town, who otherwise would have had an equal Right with the Rest of the Freeholders.

3rd The Proprietors (Considered exclusively of the other inhabitants) derive all their Right from the Town. They hold the Commons by virtue of a Town Grant, as individuals do, who at this Day buy or beg Land of the Town.

4th No Part of the Commons was granted to them, that was settled before by a Town vote; as was the case with respect to the mile and half lands & the Sheep Pasture.

5th The Proprietors themselves expressly assent to this at their 1st meeting Jany 3 1704-5 by passing a vote, that all former Grants & Disposals made by the Town since they were a Town, should remain firm and inviolable forever.

6th The Proprietors afterwards, when the undertakers quitted the Design of keeping Sheep never laid claim to said Land as their Property, tho' most of the first Proprietors were then living and knew how the Affair was circumstanced.

7th The inhabitants of the Town also on that Day (who

were as well acquainted with the Affair) never thought the Proprietors had any Business with the Sheep Pasture by virtue of their Grant; as appears by their twice voting to divide the Sheep Pasture among the Freeholders of Plymouth & Plimpton in the years 1716, 1717 and by choosing a Comittee to agree with the undertakers about a Reimbursement.

Lastly as a confirmation of the whole, The Proprietors when they made their 3d & last Division of the Commons into 10 great Lots A. D. 1711-12, They expressly say in their vote that ALL and the WHOLE of their commons should then be laid out, which manifests that they themselves thought that they had nothing to do with the Sheep Pasture (no more than with the mile & half Lands) even tho' then (as we suppose) the sheep scheme was intirely given up.

And we would further observe that the 1st Book in the Hands of the Proprietors Clerk properly belongs to the Town. For 1st Said Book was purchased A D 1702 above 2 years before the Propriety was constituted & formed, Consequently must be at the charge of the Town. Accordingly the general Title of said Book on the first Leaf runs thus, "Plymouth Town Book for recording the general Grants of the new Division of uplands June 19 1702." Namely the 30 Acre Division then granted by the Town, 2nd The first part of said Book is taken up in recording said 30 acre Town Grants (viz, near 80 Pages) which were made in the year 1702, long before the Propriety had a Being. And in the Rest of the Book; we find Town Grants & Proprietors Grants recorded promiscuously together.

3d, The Reason why the Town never claimed said Book, we apprehend to be because the Town Clerk & Proprietors Clerk were alwy's the same till now.

4th we apprehend that the Proprietors Clerk can give no legal (attested) Copies of Town Grants contained in said Book; which might prove of fatal Consequence to Parties in Contests in Law.

5th Hence it appears to us necessary that the Town take effectual care for the Calling a Proprietors meeting, that measures may be concerted between the Town & them for the Removal of there & other Difficulties.

These things occurring to us in prosecution of the Business we were chose for by the Town, tho' some of them do not come so immediately within our Commission, we tho't it

Duty to communicate them for the Towns Consideration, and humbly submit the same.
Plymouth August 23 1766.

Thomas Foster
John Cotton,
John Torrey.

[**231.**] The Town having accepted of the Committees Report, They voted that Thomas Foster Esqr, John Cotton Esqr & Deac John Torrey should be a committee to take proper steps for Calling a Proprietors meeting as soon as may be. Then the Town voted to choose a Committee to consist of three, to look after the common Land Called the Sheep Pastures, to search how it is bounded, and to take proper steps to prevent encroachments on it, and to plan some method for the future improvement of it for the Towns better advantage, and to act & do any thing that may appear requisite relating to the claim that any other Town may make to any Part of said Land.

Committee chosen are Thomas Foster Esqr, Deacon John Torrey & William Watson Esqr.

Then the meeting was adjourned to 4 o'clock P M.

At the Adjournment at 4 P. M. The Committee chosen to draw up instructions for the Representative reported their Draught which after thrice Reading was accepted by the Town. And the Town Clerk ordered to wait on James Warren Esqr with a copy of the same—which is as follows: To James Warren Esqr Representative of the Town of Plymouth.

Sir:—

The Town having met together according to your Request to give you instructions for your conduct in the great & general Court relative to making good the Damages several Persons in the Town of Boston sustained in the late Times of general struggle for Liberty—would observe to you—

That altho' this Town has the highest Detestation of all mobbs & riotous Proceedings and disapprove of the Acts of Violence that have been committed, and are sensibly affected with the Losses sustained; yet the Town cannot see any good Reason why the Losses those Gentlemen have sustained should be made good, rather than any Damage, which other Persons on any different occasions might happen to

suffer—And more especially as they have not thought proper to apply in a Parliamentary way. Neither can we think it Just & reasonable to make the Community chargeable with the crimes committed by a few individuals.

If the sufferers should hereafter apply to the general Court in a Parliamentary way for Relief, we would suggest to you, That there is a very material Difference between those who have suffered from their Attachment to an Act of the British Parliament, and those who have suffered from a want of due Attachment to the Constitution of their native country.

We the subscribers being chosen by the Town to Draught proper instructions for their Representative on the above occasion, Do present the above for their consideration.

Lazarus LeBaron
Thomas Mayhew,
Nathl Goodwin.

Then voted, that the Town Treasurer be directed to put those Town Bonds in suit upon which interest has not been paid for some years, in case the interest be not speedily paid. And that special care be taken to prosecute those Bonds that appear any thing dubious.

At this meeting the Selectmen of the Town regulated the Jury Boxes agreeable to the Law of this Province.

Then the following Persons were chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at next October Court viz:

Nathaniel Donham,
Nathaniel Barnes,
Robert Bartlett,
Ebeneser Nelson.

[**232.**] At a Town Meeting assembled & held at the Court House in Plymouth on Wednesday the 3rd Day of December A. D. 1766 at 3 p. m.

William Clark, Israel Clark, Jonathan Samson, Zephaniah Holmes were chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the Inferiour Court on the 2nd Tuesday of December instant.

Whereas there is a dispute between Nathaniel Goodwin merchant & Nathaniel Leonard yeoman, both of Plymouth in the County of Plymouth concerning the Partition Fence between their respective Lots in said Town, and the said Goodwin having applied to us the subscribers Fence-Viewers of said Plymouth duly chosen & sworn to settle & determine the said Difference on Dispute; we the said Fence-Viewers upon a view of their respective Lots do agree & determine

that the lower Part of said Fence shall be maintained by the said Nathaniel Leonard his Heirs & Assigns according to Law, To begin at the lower end of his Lot and to run up the Hill towards the Road, one hundred Foot—And the Remainder of said Fence to the Road being about an hundred & ten Feet to be maintained by the said Nathanael Goodwin his Heirs & Assigns. In Testimony whereof we the said Fence-Viewers do hereunto set our Hands this seventh of January A D 1767.

Silvanus Bartlett
Saml N Nelson.

At a Town Meeting Assembled & held in the Court House in Plymo of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymo Quallifyed according To Law on Monday the 2nd day of March Anno Domini 1767.

James Warren Esqr Chosen Moderator & Took the oath by Law Prescribed.

Ephraim Spooner chosen Town Clerk & sworn before Edward Winslow Esqr.

George Watson & Thomas Foster Esqr Doctr Lazs Lebaron, Deacn John Torrey & John Blackmer chosen Selectmen, and took the oath pr Law appointed (Except Coll Watson who was not Present). Then a Vote was Calld to know the Towns mind whether they will choose a Committee to make a Draft of the best manner as they may Judge for the Town to Proceed in pr order for the choice of Constables & Collectors for the year Ensuing. Voted in the affirmative, and then made choice of Messrs Thomas Foster Esqr, Deacn John Torrey & Doctr Lazarus Lebaron to be said Committe, They to make Report at the time this meeting may be Adjournd to.

Then said meeting was Adjourned to two of the Clock in the afternoon.

Att the Meeting of the Town Abovesd at two of the Clock in the afternoon of said Day the Report of the Committee appointed to Consider of some Propper method for the Town to Come into, Respecting the Choice of Constables & Collectors was Red, which was in the words following, viz, the Committe to whom was Referd the Consideration of Comeing Into some new method for choosing Constables for the year Ensuing For the Town of Plymouth, beg leave to Report as follows viz: that there be five Constables chosen at this March meeting & that the Constables serve as Col-

lectors with the same allowance to be made them of twelve pence on the pound for Gathering the Taxes as was made by the Town the last year; And that the Town be Divided Into five Districts, and a Constable chosen for Each District. The first district to be the whole of the

[233.] Second Precinct Called Monument ponds Precinct, the Second District from said Precinct line to the Northward as farr as the dwelling house of Lemuel Morton Including said Lemuel Morton's House; the Third District from said Lemuel Morton's house to the Northward as farr as the Town brook, The fourth District from said Town brook to the Northward as far as the street called new street, Including all that Dwell on the southerly side of said street, Including allso the Dwelling house owned by the heirs of the late Collo Lothrop Deceasd, and all the Inhabitants to the westward as farr as Plimton Line; The fifth District from the said street Called new street, Including all the Inhabitants on the North side of said street & Northerly from said Lothrop House as far as Kingston line. All which is Humbly submitted by

Thomas Foster
Lazarus Lebaron
John Torrey.

A vote then Calld to know if the Town will accept said Report. Voted in the Negative. Then the Town made Choice of the following officers viz:

Messrs John Cotton Esqr, Deacn John Torrey & John Blackmer chosen Assessors, And sworn before Thomas Foster Esqr.

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Town Treasurer & sworn before Thomas Foster Esqr.

Then the votes for a County Treasurer was brott in & seald up in open Town Meeting by Mr. Jeremiah Holmes Constable & Delivd to him.

A Vote was then Called to know if the Town will have as many schools kept in said Town, and under the same Reggulations as the last year. Voted in the Affirmative.

Then Voted to choose three men a Committee to take care of the Grammar school the ensuing year & made choice accordingly of Messrs James Warren Esqr, Deacn John Torrey & Elkanah Watson to be said Committe.

Allso then Voted not to Allow the schoolmaster that may be Provided by said Committe more than fifty three pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence per year.

Then made Choice of Messrs John Blackmer Zachs Bartlett & James Clark a committe to supply the school at Monument Ponds the ensuing year.

And Messrs Joseph Warren Ebener Bartlett & Ezekiel Morton A Committe to supply the school at Eell River with a suitable schoole Master for the year Ensuing.

And Messrs Joseph Bartlett, Ichabod Holmes & Nathl Morton A Committe to supply the schoole at Willingsle with a Propper schoole master for the year Ensuing: And Messrs Capt Theophilus Cotton, Silas Morton & Lemuel Jackson A Committe to supply the school at the North End the Town with a suteable school master for the Year Ensuing. A second vote was then Called to know whether the Town will accept the Report of the Committee to whom was Committed the Affair of the choice of Constables & Collectors as entd in this Day's meeting; Voted in the Negative a second time.

[**234.**] Then a vote was Called to know if the Town will choose Constables as Usuall in years past, Voted in the Negative.

Then a vote was Called to know if the Town will Give five pr ct for Collecting in & paying out the Towns money. Voted in the affirmative.

Then made the offer in Town Meeting & no person appeard to serve as Constable for the Premium aforesd.

Then a vote was Called to know if the Town will Give more than five pr ct for Collecting in & paying out the Towns money the year Ensuing. Voted in the affirmative.

Then a vote was Called To Know if the Town will choose a Committe to take into Consideration the affair of choosing constables & Collectors in this Town for the year ensuing. Voted in the affirmative; And then made choice of Messrs Thomas Foster Esqr, Ichabod Holmes, Eleazr Stephens, Silvanus Bartlett, Doctr Lazarus Lebaron, Capt Nathan Dellano, Deacn John Torrey, John May, & Isaac Lothrop To be said Committe, & they To make Report to the Town at the Time this Meeting May be adjourned to.

Then made choice of Messrs Ichabod Morton, Ezekiel Rider, Samuel Nicholas Nellson & John Otis To serve on the Petit Jury at the Next Inferiour Court, To be holden at Plymouth the second Tuesday of April Next.

Allso made choice of Mr. Ezra Allen, & Lemuel Jackson To serve on the Grand Jury for the year ensuing.

Further voted as to the affair of Alewives the Town will Conduct as the Last Year, Exceptg in the Choice of a Committe. Then this meeting was Adjourned till Monday the 16th day of this Instant March at Ten of the Clock in the forenoon.

Att a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymo Legally Assembled & held in the Court house in said Town on Monday the 16th day of March 1767 by Adjournment from the 2nd currant.

James Warren Esqr the Moderator being Absent, the Town made choice of Doctr Lazarus Lebaron their Moderator for the Present Meeting, who took the oath by law Prescribed Before Thomas Foster Esqr. Then the Act Respecting the Observation of the Sabath & Choice of Wardens was Red. After which the Town made Choice of Messrs Cornelius Holmes, Bartlett Lebarron, Silvanus Bartlett, Samuel Bartlett, Junr & Zacheus Bartlett wardens.

Then Thomas Foster Esqr, one of the Committe chosen at this meeting to take into consideration the affair of choosing constables & Collectors for the year Ensuing viz the second Committe chosen for that Purpose at First Holding this meeting Told the Town the said committe had not Concluded upon any method To Propose to the Town to come into Respecting the choice of Constables & Collectors for the year Insuing; but that the Major part of said Committe was of the mind That the most Suteable method for the Town to Come Into for

[**235.**] the choice of Constables & Collectors was that which was Contained in the Report of that Committe, that first had that affair under Consideration at this meeting as on Record.

Then a vote was Called to know if the Town will accept the aforesd Report. Voted in the Negative.

Then this meeting was Adjourned until three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Att the meeting of the Town Aforesd at three of the Clock in the afternoon of the Day aforesd, The Following officers were chosen into the Respective offices following viz:

James Drew, Benjamin Churchell & Zacheus Churchell Packers of Fish & Guagers of Casks.

Benjamin Drew, Ichabod Morton, & Zacheus Mendall, Solomon Atwood chosen Tithingmen.

John Foster, Jonathan Samson, Walter Rich, Eleazer Holmes, Elkanah Churchell, Ezekiel Morton, James Bartlett & Thos Southworth Howland chosen Hogreeves, sd Howland took the oath by Law appointed in Town Meeting it being administered by Thos. Foster Esqr.

Thomas Spooner, William Rider Sealers of Leather.

Silvanus Bartlett & John Russell Clerks of the Markit.

Lemuel Jackson, Thomas Dave, Amaziah Churchill, Nathaniel Morton Jun, Robert Bartlett & Ebener Samson chosen Cullers of Fish.

James Clark, Jeremiah Holmes, Samuel Nichols Nellson, William Clark & Ichabod Holmes chosen Fence Viewers & field drivers.

George Watson Esqr, James Hovey Esq, James Warren Esqr, Deacn John Torrey, Deacn Joseph Bartlett, Mr. Nathaniel Bartlett chosen Firewards.

David Turner, John Kempton, Thomas Savory, James Doten Junr & David Turner Junr chosen Surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of Timber, Plank & Bords.

[**236.**] John May, James Drew & Benjamin Churchill chosen surveyors of Clapbords & Shingles & Viewers & Cullers of Staves & Hoops.

Joseph Trask, William Clark & Isaac Jackson To take care that the Province Law Respecting Deer be Duly observed.

Amaziah Churchell, Lemuel Morton & Nathl Morton Junr Chosen to take care of Plymouth beach agreeable to the Law of this Province.

Thomas Southworth Howland, John Thomas Junr, Nathaniel Barnes, Joshua Swift, Capt. Nathaniel Bartlett & Benjamin Cornish Junr chosen Surveyors of the Highways. Sd Howland sworn before Thomas Foster Esqr in Town Meeting.

Then made choice of Messrs Deacn John Torrey, Elkanah Watson and Thomas Davis chosen to Procure a Saxton for the Insuing year.

And then the Town Voted they Would Choose five Constables for the year Insuing and Accordingly made choice of Benjamin Drew, Isaac Symes, Stephen Doten & Zacheus Barnes. Sd Stephen Doten chosen to serve in the Room of two Constables or for two Districts.

Then the Town Voted to allow the Constables for Collecting the Towns money twelve pence on the pound & paying it in according to Directions.

Benjamin Drew came into Town Meeting with Mr. Jeremiah Holmes and Desired the Town would accept sd Holmes in his Room to serve as Constable. And the Town Accordingly Voted to accept sd Holmes as Constable in the Room of said Benjamin Drew. Said Isaac Syms, Stephen Doten, Zacheus Barnes & Jeremiah Holmes The Constables above named took the oaths by Law Required it being Administered to them by Thomas Foster Esqr in Town Meeting.

Then the Town Voted That Stephen Doten be Collector for Manument Ponds Precinct & the other District from said Precinct Line to Lemuel Morton's.

And that Zacheus Barnes be Collector of the Taxes from sd Lemuel Mortons to the Town Brook and that Jeremiah Holmes be Collector of Taxes from sd Town Brook to the Northward as far as New Street Including all that Dwell on the Southerly side of said Street Including allso the house owned by the Heirs of the estate of the late Collo Isaac Lothrop Deceasd and all the Inhabitants to the westward as farr as Plimton Line.

And that Isaac Syms be Collector of the Taxes from said New street Includg the North side of said street as farr as Kingston line to the Northward And that the Assessors in Giving out their Rate list conform themselves to this vote of the Town.

Allso that none of said Collectors be Intitled to their Commissions of 12d on the pound for Gathering in & paying out the Towns money in their Rate lists but such as Give Sufficient bonds to the Town Treasurer to Indemnify the Town.

At sd Meeting before the Choice of a Constable for the 4th District in this Town (Constables for the other Districts offering themselves) a vote Calld to know if the Town would choose one for sd District is passed in ye Negative.

[**237.**] At a meting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of The Town of Plymouth Regularly assembled and held in the Court House in said Town on Monday May ye 11th A D 1767. A vote was then Calld to know if the town will choose more than one Representative. No hand held up.

And then made choice of James Warren Esqr their Representative at the Great & Generall Court of this Province the year Ensuing. Then the bill prepared in the House of

Representatives the last year for regulating the whale fishery was Read.

Att said meeting Messrs Thomas Jackson, Isaac Lothrop, Joseph Rider, Nehemiah Ripley, Isaac Doten & Samuel Cole chosen Petit Jurors and Messrs Joseph Bartlett, John Blackmer & John Russell chosen to serve on the Grand Jury, all at the Next Superiour Court of Judicature &c To be holden at Plymouth on the third Tuesday of May Currant.

Att a meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth Quallifyd according to Law assembled & held in the Court house in sd Town on Wednesday ye 24th day of June Anno Domini 1767 Messrs Amos Donham & Rufus Robbins chosen To serve on the Petit Jury at the Next Inferiour Court, to be holden at Plymouth on the first Tuesday of July Next.

Plymouth Augst 4th 1767

Sir

These are to lett you know that some time in June last Lydia Gammons (Alias Malcom) Came into this town with Samuel Ellis, in his vessel from Boston (Where she is an Inhabitant we Cant tell) but to prevent her being Chargeable as She is Poor & hath been Delivered of a Child Since She Came to town, we desire you to putt this upon Record in the Towns Book and Keep the Information on file

Thomas Foster Lazarus Lebarron John Torrey John Blackmer Selectmen of Plymouth

To Ephraim Spooner Town Clerk of Plymouth.

Att a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth Regularly Assembled & held in the Court House in Plymo on Monday the 31st day of August Anno: Domini 1767.

Doctr Lazarus Lebarron Moderator & took the oath pr Law Prescribed.

At sd Meeting a vote was Called to know if the Town would Choose a Committe to Consider of the affair of Providing Propper Place for securing the Town stock of Powder, Passed in the Negative.

Then Voted to Raise the sum of one hundred & fifty pounds Lawfull money for Defraying the Necessary Charges of the Current Year

[**238.**] Then a vote was Called to know if the Town would Choose a Committee to take Care of the Towns Land-

ing place at the foot of the Street Called New Street, that the same & the Rode leading from sd Street at the foot of the hill over the new Bridge be Kept open & clear, it passed in the affirmative & Then made Choice of Messrs Ephraim Cobb Deacn Jno Torrey & Thomas Davis to be said Committe.

Then the town Desired the Selectmen to Examine into the State of the land Belonging to the town Improved by Mr John Kempton as a building yard & to Report the Quantity & Scituation thereof, at the next Town Meeting, In the mean time they to lett it out for a building yard to him or them that will Give most Reserving a free Passage to & from Mr James Drews Dwelling house.

Then the Town voted as to the affair of Clearing the Rode from Mr Joshua Swifts to Sandwich line as mentioned in the Warrant that the Selectmen Take Care that said Rode be Propperly Cleared out & they to afford the Surveyor such assistance at the Towns expence as they Think Propper.

At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth Duly Qualified & Regularly Assembled & held in the court house in Plymouth Monday the 21st day of Sepr A Domini 1767.

Messrs Thomas Trask, Nathaniel Holmes Silvanus Howes & Eleaz Ellis Chosen to serve on the Petit Jury at the Next Inferiour Court of General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of October Next.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held in the Court house in Plymo on Monday Nov 30th 1767.

Messrs Ezekiel Morton Stephen Churchell & Benjn Lucas Stephen Samson Chosen on the petit Jury at the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas & Court of General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymo on the Second Tuesday of Decr Next.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymo Duly Qualified & Regularly Assembled & held in the Court House in Plymouth on Wednesday the 30th day of Decr 1767

Doctr Lazs Lebarron Chosen Moderator & Took the oath by law appointed it Being Administered by Thomas Foster Esqr.

Then the vote of the Town of Boston of the 28th of Octob last past Respecting Industry Economy & Manufactures was Red which was in the Words following viz—

Whereas the Excessive Use of Foreign Superfluities is the Chief Cause of the Present Distressed State of this Town, as it is thereby Drained of its money which Misfortune is like to be Increased by means of the late Additionall Burthens & Impositions on the trade of this province which Thretens the Country with poverty & Ruin, Therefore voted that This Town will take all prudent & Legall measures to Incourage the Produce & Manufactures of this Province & to Lessen the Use of Superfluities & Particularly the following enumerated articles Imported from abroad, Loaf Sugar, Cordage,

[**239.**] Anchors, Coaches, Chaises, & Carriages of all sorts, horse furniture, Men & Womans hatts, Mens & Womans Apparrell ready made, household furniture, Gloves, Mens & Woman's Shoes, Soal leather, Sheathing, & Deck nails, Gold & Silver & thred lace of all sorts, Gould & Silver buttons, Wrought plate of all Sorts, Diamond, Stone & paste ware, Snuff, Mustard, Clocks & Watches, Silversmiths & Jeweller ware, broad Cloaths that Cost above ten shillings per yard, Muffs, Furrs & Tippetts & all sorts of Millenary ware, Starch, Womans & Childrens Stays, fire Engines, China Ware, Silk & Cotton Velvets, Gauze, pewterers hollow ware, Linseed oyle, Glue, Lawn, Cambrick, Silk of all Kinds for Garments, Malt Liquors & Cheese & that a subscription for this end be & hereby is Recommended to the Severall Inhabitants & householders in this Town. and that John Rowe Esqr Mr. William Greenleafe Melatiah Brown Esqr Mr Samuel Austin Mr Edward Payne, Mr. Edmond Quincy Tertius John Buddock Esqr, Joshua Henshaw Esqr, Mr. Henderson Inches, Mr. Solomon Davis, Joshua Winslow Esqr, & Thomas Cushing Esqr, be a Committee to prepare a form for Subscription, to Report the Same as soon as Possable & Allso to Procure Subscriptions to The Same. And Whereas it is the opinion of this Town that Divers new Manufactures may be sett up in America to its Great Advantage & some others Carryed to Grater Extent, Particularly those of Glass & Paper. Therefore voted that this Town will by all prewdent ways & means Encourage the Use &

Consumption of Glass & paper made in Any of the British American Colonies & more Especially in this Province.

Then a vote was Called to know the Towns mind whether they will come into the same measures that the Town of Boston hath Done as by the abovsd Vote. It Passed in the Affirmative.

Then a Vote Was Called to know if the Town will Choose a Committee to Prepare a Subscription paper Similar to the one mentioned in the abovesd vote of the Town of Boston. It passed in the Affiirmative & Then made Choice of Messrs Thomas Mayhew Esqr Doctr Lazarus Lebarron & Mr Elkanah Watson The Committee for that purpose, they to make out a Suteable papper for the Inhabitants of the Town to Sign in the Case & to Procure as many Signers & as soon as may be, The sd paper to be lodged with the Town Clerk for that Purpose.

Then a vote was Called to know if this Town will Choose a Committee to take the affair of Keeping Sheep in this Town & the Scituation of the Town's Commons into Consideration & to Report to the Town their oppinion & Proceeding's at the next Town meeting, passed in the Affirmative, & then made Choice of John Cotton Esqr Geo Watson Esqr, Thomas Foster, Thomas Mayhew & James Warren Esqrs Deacn John Torry, Doctr Lazarus Lebarron, Elkanah Watson & John Russell to be a Committee for that purpose.

Then a Vote was Called to know if this Town will Direct the Assessors to abate Mr Josiah Churchells Tax Committed to Mr Jonathan Diman to Collect, he being Collector for this town for the year 1765. It Passed in the Affirmative.

[**240.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plimouth Duly Warnd & Regularly Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday the 7th day of March A D 1768, James Warren Esqr Chosen Moderator & took the oath pr Law Appointed, Ephraim Spooner Chosen Town Clerk, The oaths by Law appointed were Administered to him by Thomas Foster Esqr.

George Watson Esqr Deacn John Torrey Mr John Blackmer Capt Elkanah Watson Thomas Foster Esqr Chosen Selectmen the oath pr Law Appointed was Administred to them pr John Cotton Esqr.

John Cotton Esqr Mr John Blackmer & Deacn John Torrey Chosen Assessors—sd Esqr Cotton & Deacn Torrey

were sworn as the Laws Direct Assessors Shall be Before Thomas Foster Esqr.

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Town Treasurer, he was Sworn in open Meeting by Thomas Foster Esqr.

Then the Votes for a County Treasurer were brought in & Sealed up in Town Meeting by Mr. Stephen Doten & Deliverd to him. Then a vote was Called to know if the Town will have as many Schools Kept in the Town & Under the Same Regulations as the last year. Passed in the Affirmative. Then made Choice of James Warren Esqr Deacn John Torrey Capt Elkanah Watson A committee to take Care of the Grammer School

Then a vote was Called to know if the town will allow the Grammer Schoolmaster Sixty pounds Lawfull money for Keeping the School the Currant year, it passed in the Negative.

Then Voted to Allow the Grammer Schoolmaster fifty six pounds Thirteen Shillings & four pence as his Salery for the Currant year.

At sd meeting Messrs John Blackmer Benja Cornish & Zacheus Bartlett were Chosen a Committee to take care of the School at Manument Ponds

And Messrs John Finney Ezekiel Morton & Joseph Warren were chosen a Committee to take Care of the School at Eellriver.

And Messrs Joseph Bartlett Ichabod Holmes & Nathl Morton Jun were Chosen a Committee to take Care of the School at Wellingslee.

And Messrs Theophilus Cotton Saml Nichols Nellson & Joseph Rider were Chosen a Committee to take Care of the North Writing School

At Said Meeting Voted to Choose five Constables for the presant year & that the Constables Should be Collectors & to have the Premium of twelve pence on the pound for Collecting & paying in the Towns money on Condition they Give Good bonds to the Town Treasurer with Sufficient Suretys to Save the Town Harmless from Dammage on their Account. Then Voted that the Person that hath most Votes in Each District shall be the person Chosen as Constable. The Assessors to Give out their Rate Lists to Each for his Respective District.

[**241.**] At said Meeting the following persons were

Chosen Constables & Collectors for the presant year viz—

Jonathan Bartlett for Manument ponds District Seth Washburn for the 2nd or Eellriver District Seth Harlow for the 3rd or Wellingsly District Isaac Jackson for the 4th District. Samuel Jackson for the 5th or North District.

At said Meeting the Town Voted they would Conduct in the affair of Alewives as in the year 1766 Excepting at this time they did not make Choice of a Committee to take Care of the Towns Brook So Calld. At said meeting Messrs John Waterman & John May were Chosen Grand Jurors for the year Ensuing. Then this Meeting was Adjourned to Thirdsday the 17th of March Instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth Quallifyd According to Law on Thirdsday ye 17th day of March 1768 by Adjournment from ye 8th Currant, Messrs Ebenezer Churchell Benjamin Finney Eleazr Holmes Barnabas Hedge Chosen to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the Next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas & Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace to be Holden at Plimouth on the 2nd Tuesday of April Next

Elisha Holmes Isaac Lothrop Nathl Morton Junr Chosen Grand Jurors & Abner Sylvester Benjn Churchell Ichabod Holmes Ephraim Spooner Daniel Diman William Warren Chosen Petit Jurors.

Both which sd Jurors Chosen To Serve at the Superiour Court of Judicature Court of Assize &c to be holden at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimouth on the Third Tuesday of May next.

At said Meeting Isaac Jackson who was Chosen Constable at this Meeting Came Into meeting & Declared his Refusall to Serve as Constable. Then a vote was Called to know if the Town will Choose a man to Prosecute sd Jackson for his Refusall to serve as Constable. Voted that they would not Choose a man to Prosecute sd Jackson for his Refusall &c.

Samuel Jackson & Seth Harlow Constables Came into meeting & were sworn as the Law Directs by Thomas Foster Esqr.

Said Foster Allso sayd he had Administered the oath by Law appointed To Seth Washburn one of the Constables Chosen at this meeting. At said meeting Richard Cooper

was Chosen Constable for the 4th District in this Town. Then the Report of the Committee Chosen to Consult Respecting the Sheep pasture &c was Red which was in the Words following viz—

We the Subscribers a Committee Chosen by the Town to Consider the affair whether the town will again Improve it again by Keeping Sheep thereon do Report as follows—

[**242.**] 1 We find that the land Called the Sheep Pasture (being a tract of Land three miles square) was part of the Common belonging to the whole Ancient town of Plimouth.

2 We find that the Town had allways the fee of the land & a right to the wood Growing Thereon it never being Granted to any Particular person or Propriety.

3 We find that the Use & Improvement of said Land was Granted to a Particular Number of Persons & to their Heirs for the purpose of Keeping Sheep with Liberty for any of the freeholders of the Town to Join with them on Certain Terms.

4 We find that said persons to whom the Grant was made built a house & folds on said Land & put a number of Sheep & Shepherd thereon & Improved it in that Manner for 3 or 4 years.

5 We find that afterwards they Gave up the Design, Withdrew their Sheep & Took Away their folds & never made any attempt of that Nature Since.

6 It fully appears to us that upon their Accquiting the Undertaking the whole Use & Improvement of the land Perverted to the Town as much as if said Grant had never been made. And it is Evident from the Transaction of the Town at that day that they had the Same Apprehension. Wherefore the Land being wholly at the Towns Disposal & this Committee being fully of the opinion that it would be much to the Deterement to lett Such a Valuable Interest lay Dead or Dormant any Longer, We would propose that the Scheme for Keeping Sheep on sd Land be renewed & that the Town as a Town Undertake the affair & procure a Suteable number of Sheep with a Shepherd & Erect proper buildings, being Persuaded that altho it would prove Chargeable for the Present yet in the End it would be Greatly Advantagious to the Town, haveing by An Estimate (which will be herewith Exhibited) found that in 3 or 4

years the first Cost will Probably be paid or Reimbursed by the price of the wool & the Increase of the Stock, And that Afterwards it would afford a Considerable Yearly Income & be Greatly helpfull to Manufacturing so Necessary at this day.

But if the Town Decline the Proposalls we Should think it best that the Use of Said land be offered to Individuals for the Same purpose & that if a Sufficient Number Appears to Carry on the affair between this & May meeting, that a Grant be made to them Similar to the former Grant, Tho with some Restrictions & Limitations as may prevent future Disputes in Case they Afterwards Desist from the Undertaking. And in order to know whether any will undertake it would be propper to Appoint a Committee to Sett up Notifications of the Design & to take Subscriptions & to make Report of their Doings at May Meeting.

Plimouth Febry 29th 1768

John Cotton Thomas Foster Lazarus Lebarron John Torrey Thomas Mayhew James Warren George Watson John Russell Elkanah Watson

[**243.**] An Estimate of the Charge & Proffit of Keeping Sheep on the Sheep Pasture.

Building a House with two Ground Rooms	250	0	0d
Shepherd's Wages pr year	150	0	0
Breaking up two acres of Ground for the Shepherd	13	10	0
Wintering a Cow for him	15	0	0
Price of 500 Sheep & lambs at a Dollar a pair	562	10	0
15 Loads hay for Wintering the Sheep	225	0	0
Incloseing a pasture of 160 acres with Hedge fence	100	0	0
Clearing 30 acres of land at £6 pr acre	180	0	0
Washing & shearing the sheep Includg the Shepherds work	20	0	0
	1516	0	0
The 2nd year			
Clearing 30 acres of land at 6£	180	0	0
Shepherds Wages	150	0	0
Breaking up 2 acres of land for him	13	10	0
Wintering the Cow for him	15	0	0
Washing & shearing sheep	30	0	0
18 Loads hay	270	0	0
	658	10	0
The 3rd year			
The same as ye 2nd year	658	10	0

Addition of 4½ Loads hay at £15	67	10	0
Further Cost about Shearg &c	7	0	0
	733	0	0
The 4th year			
The same as ye 3rd year	733	0	0
Addition of 6 Loads hay	90	0	0
Further Cost about Shearg &c	10	0	0
	833	0	0
Old Tenour	£3740	10	0
The 1st years Income			
500 Sheep at 2—Wool pr sheep	500	0	0
Growth 250 lambs in one year	187	10	0
	687	10	0
The second year			
The wool of 500 sheep	500	0	0
Addition of 150 Lambs at 30	225	0	0
The wool from the Lambs	150	0	0
	875	0	0
The 3rd year			
The wool of 650	650	0	0
Addition of 200 Lambs	300	0	0
The Wool upon the Lambs	200	0	0
	1150	0	0
The 4th year			
Ye wool of 850 Sheep	850	0	0
Addition of 250 Lambs	375	0	0
The Wool from the Lambs	250	0	0
	1475	10	0
Old Tenour	4187	10	0
Cost &c	3740	10	0
Ballc	447	0	0

So that in the four years Time the house & Sheep Fenceing the Ground & Claring 120 acres of land will be paid for. Their will be a flock of 1100 Sheep & 447£ Clear Gain which may be Sett against Losses & Incidentall Charges not Sett Down in the Estimate, or if all the 150 acres of fenced Land be Cleard within the 4 years Their will Remain 270£ old Tenour in favour of the Undertakers Besides the Addition of above 300 Lambs at the Close of the 4th year.

Then a Vote was Called to Know if the Town will accept the Said Report according to the Proposall of the Town Procuring Sheep &c, it Passed in the Negative.

Then a Vote was Called to Know if the Town will accept

the Said Report according to the Proposall of offering the Land &c to Individualls to Carry on the affair of Keeping Sheep &c; it Passed in the Affirmative.

And then Made Choice of Capt Theophalus Cotton Thomas Foster Esqr Mr John May Mr Solomon Bartlett Mr Jeremiah Howes a Committee to take sd affair under their Care To procure Subscribers &c & to make Report of their Proceedings At the next May Meeting.

Then the Act Respecting the observation of the Lords days & the Choice of Warden's was Red. Then the Town Proceeded & made Choice of Messrs John Thomas Junr Ichabod Shaw Thomas Jackson Junr Lemuel Bartlett Israel Clark Wardens for the Present Year

[244.] Messrs James Drew Benja Churchell Zacheus Churchell Chosen Guagers of Cask & Packers fish

Messrs Samuel Lanman Ebenezr Bartlett & John Cornish Chosen Tythingmen

Walter Rich Stephen Churchell John Foster Jonathan Samson Thomas Southwth Howland John Totman Solomon Atwood Ellis Churchell James Bartlett Chosen Hogreeves

William Rider & Thomas Spooner Chosen Sealers of Leather

Solomon Bartlett & John Russell Chosen Clerks of the Market

Samuell Battles William Rider Ebenezr Nellson Israel Clark Ezekiel Morton Chosen fence Viewers & Field Drivers

George Watson & James Warren Esqrs Capt Elka Watson Deacn Jno Torrey Ichabod Holmes Zacheus Bartlett Chosen Fire Wards

David Turner David Turner Junr Thomas Savery John Kempton & James Doten Junr Chosen Surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of Timber Plank & boards.

John May James Drew Benjamin Churchell Chosen Surveyors of Clapboards & Shingles & Viewers & cullers of Staves & hoops.

Lemuel Jackson Thomas Davie Amaziah Churchell Nathaniel Morton Junr Robert Bartlett & Ebenezer Samson Chosen Cullers of Fish

Joseph Trask William Clark Isaac Jackson Chosen to See That the Province Law Respectg Deer be Duly observd.

Amaziah Churchell Lemuel Morton & Nathl Morton

Junr Chosen to observe that the Province Law Respecting Plimouth Beach be Duly Executd

Messrs John Torrey Elkanah Watson & Thomas Davis Chosen a Committee to procure a Saxton the Presant year.

Messrs Benjamin Cornish William Warren William Crombie Ezekiel Rider Ichabod Holmes Joseph Rider Chosen Surveyors of the highways. Wm Warren was Sworn acording to Law pr Thos Foster Esqr.

[**245.**] At said Meeting a Vote was Called to Know the Towns mind if they will Choose a Committee to Examine the Town Treasurer's Accounts &c. it Passed in the Affirmative.

Then made Choice of Thomas Mayhew Esqr Thomas Foster Esqr Isaac Lothrop a Committee for that purpose, They to Report Thereon at the next May Meeting.

Then the Request of Mr. Barnabas Churchill as Mentioned in the Warrant Proposeing to the Town to sell him a piece of Land neere his Dwelling house was red. A vote was Called to know the Towns mind Whether they would Choose a Committee to Examine into the Circumstances Thereof & Estimate the Value of it. Passed in the affirmative. And then made Choice of Capt Elkanah Watson Thomas Foster Esqr & Deacn John Torrey a Committee for said purpose & they to make Report at the next meeting.

Then Voted as to the affair of the Pest House as mentioned in the Warrant. That the Selectmen Rent out Said House in Such a manner and to Such Person or Persons as they Judge Best for the Towns Bennefit.

Then This meeting was Adjourned To the 22nd day of March Instant being Tuesday at two of the Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Tuesday the 22d day of March Anno Domini 1768 by Adjournment from ye 17th Currant. Richard Cooper who was Chosen Constable Came into meeting & was sworn Before Thomas Foster Esqr. Allso Messrs Lemuel Bartlett & Ichabod Shaw who were Chosen Wardens Came into meeting & were sworn Before Thomas Foster Esqr.

At sd meeting Ichabod Holmes Came into meeting & made his Request that the Town would Excuse him from

Servg as a Surveyor & allso as a Juror at the next Superiour Court by Reason he hath within two years servd in those two offices. A vote was put to know if the Town would Excuse him it passed in ye Affirmative.

And then made Choice of Mr Joseph Warren to Serve on the Petit Jury at the next Superiour Court &c to Be holden at Plimouth the Second Tuesday of May next.

At sd Meeting Mr. Samuel Battles Was Chosen Surveyor for the Presant year in the Room of Mr Ichabod Holmes who is Excused & sworn before Thos Foster Esqr.

Allso at sd meeting made Choice of Jonathan Churchell as a Culler of Fish for the Ensuing year.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on ye 15th day April Anno Domini 1768,—Benjamin Drew was Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury at the Adjournment of the Inferiour Court to be holden at Plimouth on the 18th day of April Instant.

[**246.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 16th day of May 1768. James Warren Esqr was Chosen Representative for the Ensuing year.

Then Voted that the sd Representative be Directed to Endeavour all in his power at the Generall Court to prevent an Excise being layd on Spiritous Liquor in this Province

Then George Watson Esqr Was Chosen Moderator & took the oath pr Law Appointed.

At sd Meeting Voted that the Committee Chosen by the Town at their meeting on the 17th day of March last, to Procure Subscribers to Carry on the affair of Keeping Sheep on the Sheep Pasture as mentiond be Desired Still To Continue Useing their Endeavour to procure Subscribers in the manner as they may Judge best & to Report to the Town their mind thereon at ye next Town Meeting.

Then Messrs Thomas Foster, John Torrey & Elkanah Watson who on ye 17th of March last were Chosen a Committee to Examine into the Request of Barnabas Churchell as then Entd, Requesting the Town would Sell him a Peace of land neere his Dwelling house, Reported Verbley, that it was their opinion it was not Convenient for the Town to dispose of said Land & accordingly (as they were Select-

men) they ordered said Churchell to move his fence to the Propper bounds of his land, as it stood formerly.

Allso voted that the Committee Chosen at the abovesd Meeting March 17th last To Examine the Town Treasurers accounts and was to have Reported at this meeting, as they have not Performed sd Business that they Proceed thereon & Report their proceedings to the Town at the Next Town Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Regularly Asembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday June 20th 1768 Messrs Charles Morton Nathl Morton George Lemont & Isaac Jackson were Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury At the Next Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace & Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plimouth on the first Tuesday of July next.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled & held in the Court house in said Town on Monday Sep 19th 1768 James Warren Esqr Chosen Moderator & Took the oath pr Law appointed. Then the Letter from the Selectmen of Boston to the Selectmen of this Town, for which Reason this Meeting was Called, was red, which was in the words following, viz—

Boston September ye 14th 1768

Gentlemen

You are allready too well acquainted with the Mallencholly & verry Alarming Circumstances to which this Province as well as America in Generall is now Reduced. Taxes Equally Detrimental to the Commercial Interests of the Parent Country & her Colonies are Imposed upon the people without Their

[**247.**] Consent. Taxes Designed for the Support of the Civil Government in the Coloneys in a manner clearly Unconstitutional & Contrary to that in which til of late Government has been Supported by the free Gift of the people in the American Assemblys or parliament; as allso for the mentainance of a large standing Army; Not for the Defence of the newly Acquired Territory, but for the old Colonies and in a time of peace, the Decent, humble & Truly Loyal Applications & petitions from the Representatives of this province for the redress of these heavy and very threatning Greavances, have heitherto been ineffectuall, being assured from authentick Intelligence That they have not yet

reached the royall ear; the only effect of Transmitting these Applications heitherto percievable has been a Mandate from one of his Majesty's Secretaries of State to the Governor of this province to Disolve the Generall Assembly meerely because the late house of Representatives refusd to Receive a Resolution of a former House which Implyd nothing more than a right in the American Subjects to Unite in Humble & Dutiful Petitions to their Gracious Sovereign when they found themselves agreeved, this is a right naturally inherant in every man and expressly recognized at the Glorious revolution as the birthright of an Englishman.

This Dissolution you are Sensible has taken place; the Governor has Publickly and repeatedly declared that he Cannot call another Assembly, and the Secretary of State for the American Department, in one of his Letters communicated to the late house has been pleased to say that propper care will be taken for the Support of the Dignity of Government, the meaning of which is too plain to be misunderstood.

The concern & perplexity into which these things have thrown the people have been Greatly Aggravated by a late Declaration of his Exelancy Governor Bernard, that one or more regiments may soon be Expected in this province.

The Design of which Troops is in Every ones Apprehension nothing short of Enforcing by military power the Execution of Acts of Parliament in the forming of which the Colonies have not, and Cannot have any Constitutional Influence, this is one of the Greatest Distresses, to which a free people can be reduced.

The Town, which we have the honor to serve, have taken these things, at their late meeting, into their most Serious Consideration; and as there is in the minds of many a Prevaleing Apprehension of an Approaching War with France they have passed the Severall votes, which we Transmit to you Desireing that they may be Immediately Laid Before the town whose Prudentialls are under your Care at a Legall meeting for their Candid and particular Attention.

Deprived of the Counsell of a Generall assembly in this Dark & Difficult Season, the Loyal people of this province will we are persuaded immediately perceive the propriety & utility of the proposed Committe or Convention & the Sound & Wholesome Advice that may be Expected from a

number of Gentlemen Chosen by themselves & in whom they may repose the Greatest Confidence, must tend to the real Service of our Gracious Sovereign & the welfare of his Subjects in this province; & may happily prevent any Sudden

[248.] & Unconnected measures which in their Presant anxiety & even Agoney of mind they may be in Danger of falling into.

As it is of importance that the Convention Should meet as soon as may be, So Early as ye 22nd of this Instant Septembr has been proposed for that purpose, & it is hoped the remotest Towns will by that time or as soon after as Conveniently may be, Return their Respective Committees.

Not Doubting but that you are Equally Concerned with us & our fellow Citizens, for the Preservation of our Invaluable rights & for the Generall Happiness of our Country, And that you are Disposed with Equall ardor, to Exert Yourselves in Every Constitutional way for so Glorious a purpose, we are Gentlemen—

With the Greatest Esteem Your Obedient Humble Servts

Joseph Jackson John Ruddock John Hancock John Rowe Samuel Pemberton Selectmen of Boston.

N. B. The other two Selectmen are out of the province

To the Gentlemen Selectmen of Plimouth.

Then a Vote was Called to Know the Towns mind whether they will Choose one or more persons to attend & act for them at Faneuil Hall in Boston on Thirdsday the 22nd day of Sept Currant at ten of the Clock as a Committe in Convention with Such as may be sent to Joyn them from the Severall towns in this Province in order that Such matters may be Consulted and Advised as his Majesty's Service & the peace & Safety of his Subjects in this Province May Require. It Passed in the affirmative Unanimously.

Then a vote was Called to Know if this Town will Choose two men as a Committee as aforesd. It Allso passed in the affirmative. And Then made Choice of James Warren & Thomas Mayhew Esqrs for the purpose abovesd at which time it Seemed to be the Sense of this Town as they Then Expressed themselves that their Sd Committe Should Meet at Fanuiel Hall at the Time Abovesd to Join in Convention with Those men from the other Towns in this Prov-

ince that may there meet & with them to Adjourn from time to time as sd Convention may Judge best.

At a Meeting of Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plimouth Quallifyd according to Law assembled & held in the Court House in sd Town on Wednesday ye 21st day of Septembr A D 1768 Deacn John Torrey Chosen Moderator & Sworn before Thomas Foster Esqr. Then Voted to Raise the Sum of two hundred & thirteen pounds Lawfull money to be assessed on the polls & Estates in this Town for Defrayg the Charges of the

[249.] Currant year.

And Allso Voted that the Assessors in makeing the Taxes this year be Directed not Exceed a Surplusage of Fifteen pounds.

Then a vote was Called to know if the Town will proceed now on the Consideration of the Affair of the Grammer School Master as mentioned in the Warrant, It Passed in the Affirmative.

Then a vote was Called to know if the Town will Direct the Committe for Supplying The Grammer School to apply to *Mr. John Barrows our presant Schoolmaster to keep the Grammer School for the Presant year. It Passed in the Affirmative.

Then a vote was Called to know if the Town will Lay out a rode in the land lately Improved by Mr John Kempton as a building yard, from the new bridge to the rode that Leads Up by Doctor Lazarus Lebarrons to the Court house, It passed in ye Affirmative, and made Choice of the Selectmen for that purpose.

Then a vote was Called to know if The Towns mind relative to the way †That Leads from Jeremiah Holmes's to the water side, Whether they will Appoint a Committe to lay out said Rode from Mr Stephen Samsons Smith Shop to the foot of the hill & Settle the bounds of the Lands with the owners on Each Side of Said rode Where Appears an uncertainty in their bounds, or make Such Allteration in their bounds as said Committe & the owners Shall agree to. It Passed in the Affirmative & Then made Choice of the

* John Barrows from Attleboro, graduated at Harvard in 1766 and died in 1816.

† The way here referred to is the continuation of Middle Street down the hill to Water Street.

Selectmen for that purpose, Allso, Further it was voted at the time the vote was Called respecting layg out the rode thro' the building yard abovesd That if the Said Committe Could make a Propper Agreement with Mr David Turner respecting some of his Land for sd rode, they are Desired to do it.

Messrs Thomas Cornish Thomas Bartlett Benjamin Rider ye 3rd & Samuel Donham were Chosen to Serve on the petit Jury at the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas & Court of Generall Sessions of the peace to be holden at Plimouth on the first Tuesday of Octobr Next.

The Report of the Committe that were Chosen in March last to Examine the Town Treasurers Accots &c was read & is as follows, viz—

The Committee Appointed to Examine the Accounts of John Cotton Esqr Treasurer of the Said Town of Plimouth have attended that service (viz a major part of them) & Report as follows, That we find the same well vouched & right Cast & their is a Ballance Due to the Treasurer of Sixteen pounds, one Shilling & ten pence½, And that there is Still outstanding in the Severall Constables hands the following Sums viz

		£			
For 1750	In Timothy Burbanks	£	3	5	3¾d
1752	in Jonathan Darlings		7	7	3
1753	in George Holmes's		13	2	4¾
1760	in Josiah Churchells		38	10	0
1762	in Nathl Morton Junrs		16	15	8¾
[**250.**] 1763	in Jonathan Churchells		54	5	2½
1764	Ebenezer Donham		94	15	4¾
1766	Jeremiah Holmes		165	4	2
1767	Isaac Symmes		27	11	4½
	Jeremiah Holmes		46	10	½
	Zacheus Barnes		33	15	2½
	Stephen Doten		36	16	8
		£	537	18	9

Dated Sept 20th 1768

Errors Exceptd

Thomas Foster Isaac Lothrop

We the Subscribers Selectmen of The Town of Plimouth & Kingston after Legall Notification haveing met Together on the thirtyeth day of September Anno Domini 1767 to

perambulate the line between the Said Towns of Plimouth & Kingston, We begin on the westerly side of the Country road leading from Plimouth to Kingston at a Corner of a fence with a heap of Stones about it, being The Southeasterly Corner bounds of David Sturtevants land, and from thence we run South forty five degrees & a half west for Nicks rock so Called agreeable to the bounds of said Kingston as Voted by the Generall Court in June 1726 & according to a plan Thereof Taken by one Jacob Thomson in May 1726, but in Runing that Course we perceived that Unless an Allowance was made for the Variation of ye Variation of the Compass was neerely about two degrees we discovered that the Exact point of Compass at this day from the aforementioned heap of stones to Nicks Rock was South forty three degrees & a half west & not South forty five Degrees & a half west, as originally laid out, and from Said Nicks rock, we run the Same point of Compass, viz South forty three degrees & a half West, one hundred & forty five rods, to a stone Sett Into the Ground with other Stones laid about it, by the Northwest side of the rode or Cartway & from thence the line runs, according to the originall Laying out of the said Town of Kingston & by said Thomsons Plan South fifty seven Degrees & a half West, but we makeing the above Allowance of two Degrees for the Variation of the Variation run South fifty five Degrees & a half West to a stake & Stones about it in the line of Plimton Township by the Northwest Side of the old Country rode that Leads from Plimouth town to Middleboro, in running the Course the true range along by the Northwesterly corner of the house now Possessed by Seth Fuller, Memo the Point of Compass from the first bounds to the way side, Allowing for the Variation aforesd is north forty three degrees and a half East.

In Witness of this being the line between the said Towns of Plimouth & Kingston we have hereunto Sett our hands & Seals, the Day & Year first above written.

Thomas Foster John Blackmer Lazs Lebarron George Watson John Torrey Selectmen of Plimouth

Robert Bradford John Thomas John Gray Selectmen off Kingston

[**251.**] At a Meeting of the town of Plimouth Assem-

bled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Thirdsday November ye 17th 1768 Messrs John Harlow Junr Silvanus Holmes Nathaniel Bartlett Junr & Barnabas Churchell were Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury For Tryalls at the next Inferiour Court & Court of Generall Sessions of the peace to be holden at Plimouth within & for the Said County of Plimouth on the Second Tuesday of December Next.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 13th day of March Anno Domini 1769, James Warren Esqr Chosen Moderator & Sworn pr Edwd Winslow Esqr.

Ephraim Spooner Chosen Town Clerk & Sworn pr sd Esqr Winslow

George Watson Esqr James Warren Esqr Deacn John Torrey Mr John Blackmer Capt Elkanah Watson Chosen Selectmen, the oath pr Law Appointed was Administered to them by Edward Winslow Esqr.

Deacn John Torry, Mr. John Blackmer, Mr. Eleazr Stephens, chosen Assessors.

John Cotton Esqr chosen town Treasurer & sworn pr Thomas Foster Esqr.

Then the votes for a County Treasurer were brought in & sealed up in open Town Meeting by Mr. Jonathan Bartlett Constable & Ddd to him. Then a vote was Called to know if the town will choose as many Constables they to be Collectors & to have the same Allowance & on the same conditions as the last year, it Passed in the Affirmative. Then a vote was Calld to know if the town will Direct the Assessors to give out their Rate lists as the last year, it Passed in the Affirmative.

N. B., it was allso Voted that the highest in vote in the Respective Districts Shall be the Constable Chosen & to be Collectors as abovesd. Then made Choice of the following Persons as Constables viz:

Seth Harlow for ye 1st District, Nathaniel Holmes for ye 2nd District, Silvanus Harlow for ye 3rd District, John Kempton Junr for ye 4th District, Lemuel Drew for ye 5th District.

Then a vote was Called to know if the town will keep as many schools as the last year it Passed in the affirmative.

Then a vote was Called to know if the town will choose a

Committe to Regulate the schools at the Ends of the Town it Passed in the Affirmative.

And then made choice of Messrs Silvanus Bartlett, Joseph Warren, Joseph Bartlett, John Blackmer & Theophilus Cotton for that purpose & by a vote passed ye 21st Instant they to Report at May meeting

[252.] At said meeting the town made choice of James Warren Esqr, Deacn John Torrey & Capt. Elkanah Watson, a Committe to supply the Grammer school for the year Ensuing with a Suteable schoolmaster, and then made choice of Messrs. Zacheus Bartlett, Benjamin Rider, Stephen Doten a Committe to supply the school at Manomet ponds with a suteable schoolmaster for the year.

And then made choice of Messrs John Finney, Ezekiel Morton & Joseph Warren a Committe to supply the school at Eellriver with a suteable schoolmaster the year Ensuing. And then made choice of Messrs Joseph Bartlett, Ichabod Holmes & Nathl Morton Junr a Committe to supply the school at Wellingslee with a suteable schoolmaster the year ensuing.

Then made choice of Messrs Theophilus Cotton, Samuel Nicholas Nellson & Joseph Rider a Committee to supply the school at the North End of the Town with a suteable schoolmaster for the year Ensuing.

Then made choice of Messrs John Waterman & Stephen Samson to serve on the Grand Jury the Currant year.

And Jacob Johnson Junr, Joshua Battles, James Clark & Ebenezr Robbins to serve on the Petit Jury at the Next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas & Court of Generall Sessions of the peace to be holden at Plimouth on the second Tuesday of April Next.

John Kempton Junr & Silvanus Harlow two of the Constables chosen on this day came into town meeting & Declared their Refusall to serve as Constables & Collectors. Then a vote Was Called to Know the Town's mind if they will choose a man to Prosecute sd John Kempton Junr & Silvanus Harlow for their Refusali as Constables & Collectors as abovesd, it Passed in the Affirmative, And accordingly made choice of Ephraim Spooner for that purpose.

Lemuel Drew who was allso chosen one of the Constables & Collectors for the Currant year, came into town meeting & Declared his Refusall to serve as Constable & Collector as

abovesd & Refused to pay his fine. A vote was Called to know if the Town will choose a man to Prosecute sd Drew for his Refusall. It Passed in the Negative.

Then made choice George Atwood, to be Constable & Collector for ye 5th District.

Then the Act Respecting the Observation of the Lord's day was Read, after which the Town made choice of

Messrs Elijah Dunham, William Rider, Seth Harlow, Joseph Bartlett Jr., Stephen Doten wardens.

[**253.**] The Below mentioned Persons were chosen to serve in the respective offices following viz:

Messrs James Drew, Benjamin Churchill & Zacheus Churchill Guagers of Casks & Packers of Fish.

Messrs George Holmes, Ichabod Holmes & James Bartlett Tythingmen.

Messrs Edward Winslow Junr Amaziah Harlow Levi Drew. William Barnes, Thomas Southworth Howland, William Crombie, Josiah Johnson, Peter Shurtleff, Nathl Bartlett Junr, Hogreeves.

Messrs William Rider & Thomas Spooner Sealers of Leather.

Messrs Silvanus Bartlett & John Russell Clerks of the Markit.

Messrs Zacheus Curtis, Nathaniel Barnes, Ichabod Shaw, Ezekiel Rider & William Warren, Fence Viewers & field Drivers.

Messrs George Watson & James Warren Esqrs, Elkanah Watson, John Torrey, Ichabod Holmes & Zacheus Bartlett Firewards.

Messrs David Turner Junr, John Kempton, Thomas Savory, Joseph Treeble, Abial Shurtleff Surveyors of Lumber.

Messrs Amaziah Churchill, Thomas Jackson Junr, Jonathan Samson, Thomas Davie, Ichabod Holmes, Nathl Morton Junr, Ebenezr Samson & James Doten cullers of Fish.

Messrs John May, James Drew & Benjamin Churchill Surveyors, Clapboard & Shingles & Viewers & Cullers of Staves & Hoops.

Messrs William Ellis, Thomas Clark & Samuel Donham Deer Reeves.

Messrs Amaziah Churchell, Lemuel Morton & Nathl Morton Junr to take care of Plimouth beach agreeable to the Law of the Province.

[254.] Messrs John Torrey, Elkanah Watson & Thomas Davis chosen to Procure a Saxton.

Messrs John Watson, Daniel Diman, Jonathan Samson, Seth Morton, James Clark & Thomas Ellis surveyors of the highways.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Tuesday the 21st day of March Currant at 2 o'clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held in the Court House in Plimouth on Tuesday the 21st day of March A D 1769 by Adjournment from ye 13th Currant.

Voted to Conduct Respecting Alewives In the Severall streems in This Town as the last year Excepting this year made Choice of Messrs Thomas Jackson Junr Ichabod Shaw & William Crombie a Committe to take Care of the Town brook, Mr Seth Harlow Came into meeting & Desired the Town on account of his being Constable the last year, would Excuse him from Serving as a Warding the presant year. Voted that they would accordingly Excuse him. Then the Town made Choice of Samuel Battles as a Warding but on account that he was Chosen Collector for the first Precinct in this Town the presant year, voated to Excuse him from sd office.

Then made Choice of Mr Benjamin Churchell a Warden.

Then the petision of Mr. Thomas Davis was read, Requesting the Town would sell him a peace of land below the rode over the new bridge betwwen his land & Mr Dimans land and so far Eastward as the Town brook or further. The Town after taking the said affair into Consideration Voted that Inasmuch as this Town hath only this & one other landing place at the Sea Side, it would be a Dammage to the Town to Dispose thereof. Therefore They Dismissed the Petision.

Then the Petision of Mr Samuel Battles was Red, Requesting the town would hire him a peace of land on the traneing Green Sufficient to Sett a Small barn on, Voted to Choose a Committe of three persons to agree upon the most propper part of said Green for that purpose & to Estimate the Annual hire thereof They to Report to the Town at next May Meeting And accordingly made Choice of James Hovey Esqr Capt Elkanah Watson & Mr Thomas Jackson for that purpose.

Then Nathaniel Holmes, who was Chosen Constable on

the 13th Currant Came into Meeting & Declared his Refusall to serve in said office, or pay the fine, a vote then Called to Know if the Town will Choose a man to Prosecute sd Holmes for his said Refusall, it Passed in the Negative.

[**255.**] John Kempton Junr George Atwood & Silvanus Harlow who were Chosen Constables & Collectors on ye 13th Currant came into meeting with Andrew Croswell & Desired the town would accept of said Croswell to serve as Collector in their room said Andrew Croswell at the same time declaring his willingness to Serve in sd office for sd three men, the town voted to accept said Croswell accordingly at the same time the oath of Collector was Administered to sd Andrew Croswell & the oath of a Constable to sd John Kempton & George Atwood all by James Hovey Esqr.

Then voted that the Town Treasurer be directed at the Experation of two months for this day to Issue his Executions against all those Constables that shall then be Indebted to the town for moneys they have been orderd to Collect on & before the year 1766. Allso voted that the sd Treasurer at the Experation of two months prosecute all those persons that shall then owe the Town Interest money & Allso within sd term of two months sd Treasurer is Directed to Geet Good Securities for all moneys Due to the town on obligations that seem to be in Dainger of being lost & all such persons as will not Secure the Town to the Satisfaction of the treasurer with sd term he is Directed to put sd Obligation in Sute.

Then voted to Choose a Committe of three persons to Examine into the Circumstances of the Land owned by Mr Elkanah Watson at the Waterside & find out whether he hath paid for more than he Possesses & accordingly made Choice of Thomas Foster Esqr Mr Thomas Jackson & Mr Nathl Morton Junr for that purpose, they to Report at the next Town Meeting.

Then the Request of Mr David Turner & Benjamin Warren was read Desiring the town would Give them leave to Errect a fence on the top of the bank above their house & from thence down to sd house, voted to Grant sd Request & made Choice Mr Thomas Jackson James Hovey Esqr & George Watson Esqr a Committe to Direct how sd fence shall stand.

Then a vote was Called to know if the town will Choose

a Committe to take the whole affair Respecting the Rode to the Northward of the Lower bridge Including the building yard lately Improved by Mr John Kempton into Consideration & to report what they think best for the town to do in the whole of said affair, it Passed in the Affirmative & accordingly made Choice of James Hovey Esqr Mr Silvanus Bartlett Mr Stephen Sampson Mr Ichabod Holmes & Mr James Drew for that purpose if Possable they to Report at next May meeting.

Then made Choice of Mr John Shearman Constable, for reason the town Voted to Excuse him from said office.

Then made Choice of Robert Finney Constable for ye 2nd district in Town.

Then this Meeting was Adjurned to Fryday ye 24th August at 3 of the Clock P M.

[**256.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth March ye 24th A D 1769 by Adjournment from the 21st Currant.

Robert Finney who was Chosen Constable & Ichabod Shaw who was Chosen fence viewer & field Driver had the oath by Law appointed to be administered Respectively by James Hovey in Town Meeting.

Vote was Called to know if the Town would Excuse Ichabod Shaw from being of the Committe to take Care of the herring brook it Passed in the affirmative & Then made Choice of Amos Donham as one of the Committe to take Care of the herring brook in Town. Allso Added to the other three Committemen to take Care of the Said Town Brook Respecting the Alewives Agreeable to the Law of the Province.

Messrs Jeremiah Howes & Zacheus Curtis

At sd meeting Benjamin Churchell & Joseph Bartlett Junr Wardens had the oath by Law Appointed Administered to them by Thomas Foster Esqr & Levi Drew was Allso by sd Esqr Foster Sworn as a hogreeve.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled & held in the Court house in sd Town on the 28th April 1769—

Messrs Eleazer Stephens Gideon White Capt Nathan Dellano Samuel Bartlett Junr Ebenezr Samson & Samuel Pearce Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury at the next Superiour Court of Judicature &c to be holden at Plimouth on the 3rd Tuesday of May Next.

& Messrs Jonathan Diman Ichabod Shaw & Thomas Jackson Junr were Chosen to Serve on the Grand Jury at sd Court.

At sd Meeting Capt Isaac Doten was Chosen to Serve on the sd Grand Jury but by Reason he being bound to sea as he Declared in meeting he was Excused & Mr Thomas Jackson Junr was Chosen in his Stead as abovesd.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday May 22nd 1769, James Warren Esqr was Chosen Representative for the year Ensuing at the Great & Generall Court to be held & Kept at Boston for his Majestys Service.

sd James Warren being in Meeting for Reason viz his being unable to attend sd business Constantly Desired the Town would Excuse him from Service as Representative the present year. Then a vote was Called to Know if the Town would accordingly Excuse him from Serving as Representative as Abovesd, it Passed in the Negative Unanimously.

Then made Choice of James Warren Esqr as Moderator the presant meeting and the oath by Law appointed was accordingly Administered to him by John Cotton Esqr.

Silvanus Harlow Came into Meeting with Mr John Kempton & Desired the town would accept sd Kempton as Constable in his Room sd Kempton at the same time manifested his Willingness to Serve in sd office & accordingly was Sworn by Thomas Mayhew Esqr in Town meeting.

[**257.**] At sd Meeting the Town voted that the Severall Committes who were Chosen by the Town at their meeting in March last for the Severall purposes as then Expressed, viz a Committe To View & Estimate the Annual hire a peace of land Requested by Samuel Battles to build a barn on the traning Green.

A Committe to Enquire into the Circumstances of the land owned by Capt Elkanah Watson at the Waterside.

A Committe to take into Consideration the rode from the new bridge to the Northward Including the building yard.

& A Committee to Regulate the Schools at the Ends of the Town all of which sd Committe was to have reported to the Town at this meeting They not haveing Reported as proposed are Directed to report at the next Town Meeting.

Know all men by these Presents That I Thomas Spooner of Plimouth in the County of Plimouth Corderaaner, am

bound & stand justly obliged unto John Bartlett of Plimouth in the County of Plimouth as aforesd Shoresman in the full & Just Sum of Sixty pounds Lawfull money of New England, to be paid unto the sd John Bartlett his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, to the payment whereof I bind myself my heirs, Executors & Administrators firmly by these presents, as wittness my hand & Seal this twenty sixth day of March Anno Domini 1725.

*The Condition of this presant obligation is such that whereas the sd Thomas Spooner hath this day taken a Deed of Sail of a Dwelling house & Land in Plimouth aforesd of the abovesd John Bartlett & whereas the sd John Bartlett is bound to Keep & mentain a Good foot bridge at the foot of the land & allso a Drean for the town Spring that may prevent it flowing & Allso to Keep & mentain a Good wall on the Northerly side of said land to Secure the way abovesd land Good & Convenient

Now if the said Thomas Spooner his Heirs Executors & Administrators Shall & do Keep the sd foot bridge with the stones that are allready there or with what else he may provide Good & Passable as I am obliged & Allso Drean the spring as I am obliged & Keep up & Repair the wall on the Northerly side of sd Land where it now is & as high as it now is so that I the sd John Bartlett may not be Damnifyd thereby nor my heirs Executors or Administrators for Ever that then the Above written obligation shall be void and of none effect otherwise to remain in full force strength & virtue.

Thomas Spooner seal

Signd Seald & Delivered In Presents of us Thomas Branch Francis Adams

[258.] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled and held in the Court house in Plimouth, on Monday June 26th 1769—Messrs Samuel Shearman & Thomas Wethrell were Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Plimouth on the first Tuesday July Next.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Wednesday ye 30th day of August Anno Domini 1769.

* The land of Thomas Spooner here referred to is the gore bounded by Spring Hill, Summer Street and Mill Lane.

James Warren Esqr Chosen Moderator & Sworn as the law Directs.

Then voted to raise the Sum of two hundred & thirty pound Lawfull money to be assessed on the poles & Estate in this town for Defraying the Charges of the presant year. agreeable to the below Estemate viz.

Town Schoolmasters Sallery 1 year	56	13	4d
Schoolmaster at Manument ponds 8, 0, at Eell River 8£	16	0	0
Ditto at Wellingsley £10, 0, at ye No End ye town £6	16	0	0
Saxtons Wages 1 year	8	0	0
Mentainance of Capt Waite & wife about 5-4 a week say	14	0	0
bording the Widdow Donham at 2-8d	7	0	0
Jean Allen's house rent wood &c	4	10	0
Widdo Shurtleffs House rent wood &c	4	0	8
Other Disbursements from the Selectmen to ye poor	20	0	0
Assessors Wages about	6	0	0
Treasurer's Commissions about	6	0	0
Collectors Commissions about	32	0	0
Repairing Eellriver bridge	4	0	0
Deficiency by Reason of Abatements about	26	0	0
for Repairing the Almshouse	9	10	0
	230	0	0

Then made Choice of Deacn John Torrey Thomas Foster Esqr & George Watson Esqr a Committe to Repair the Almeshouse they to lay out in Repairing it About the Sum of nine pounds ten shellings as abovesd.

Then the Petition of Mr Ebenezer Donham was red Requesting the town that inasmuch as he has taken two peaces of Land of Josiah Churchell both for his own & some other persons rates which he undertook to pay for the year 1764 amounting to 10-13-4d which was the best he Could do the town would take a Deed of ye Said two peaces of land & Direct the Treasurer to Discharge him of that sum of 10-13-4d or otherwise advise & assist him in the affair as they shall think propper after discorseing on the Subject a Considerable time a vote was Called to know if the town will Dismiss sd Petition. It Passed in the Affirmative.

Then voted that the Committe who were Chosen the 21st of March last to Examin into the Circumstances of the land owned by Mr Elkanah Watson at the Waterside they not haveing reported as was proposed at This meeting are Desired to Report at the next town meeting.

[**259.**] At Said Meeting the Petition of Mr Ichabod

Shaw was red Requestg the town to Exchange with him the land whereon his Blacksmiths Shop now Stands being about thirty feet Squair for the Same Quantity of land at the Easterly End of said Shop & that the town would Grant him fourteen feet of land in length at the West End of said Shop Allso liberty to Dig a Well on the land to the westward of said fourteen feet to be for the Common Use of the town. Then a vote was Called to Know the towns mind if they will Exchange sd thirty feet of Land with sd Shaw it Passed in the affirmative.

Then a Vote was Called to Know if the town will Grant sd Shaw Said fourteen of land & liberty to Digg a well as mentioned if it don't Interfere with the Rode. It Passed in the affirmative as below. And then made Choice of Capt Elkanah Watson Thomas Mayhew Esqr & Deacn John Torrey a Committe to Lay out sd 14 feet of land & Estimate the value thereof & to Give a Deed of said 30 feet of land proposed to be Exchanged as abovesd & Allso a Deed of said 14 feet of land if said Shaw pay the Town the Sum of money they ye said Committee Shall Value sd 14 feet of land at.

Then the Petition of Mr Jonathan Churchell was red Requesting the town to abate Thomas Faunces rates for the year 1764 which the sd Churchell became obliged by Promis to pay to Ebenezer Donham then Constable & Collector & which sd Faunce as sd Churchell says Cannot pay himself. After Discorseing on The Subject a Vote was Called to Know the towns mind if they will Dismiss sd Petition it Passed in the affirmative.

Then voted that all those Committes that have been Chosen in times past to act upon Certain businesses Respecting the Town & was to have made Report to this meeting are Desired to made report at the next Town meeting.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 25th Septmbr Anno Domini 1769.

Jonathan Bartlett Cornelius Morrey James Thomas & Thomas Morton were Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury for tryalls at the next Court of Generall Sessions of the peace & Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimo on the first tuesday of Octobr next.

Then James Warren Esqr was Chosen Moderator for Reason he gave he was Excused.

Then made Choice of Deacn John Torrey Moderator.

Then the Petition of Doctr William Thomas & 27 others Requesting the Continuance of Mr. John Barrows in the town School another year as Mentioned in the Warrant was red after Discorseing on the Subject A vote was Called to Know if the town will Choose a Committe to wate on Mr Alexander Skammell (whom the Committe for Supplying the Grammer School

[**260.**] This presant year have agreed with to Keep said School for one year) and Enquire of him if he will Relinquish his Bargen that he hath made with said Committe & on what terms it passed in the Affirmative & then made Choice of Doctr William Thomas Mr Thomas Davis & Thomas Foster Esqr a Committe for that purpose they to report to the town at the time this meeting may be Adjourned to.

Then voted that the Assessors in making the taxes the presant year hereby are directed not to make the Surplusage Exceed fifteen pounds.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday the 2nd day of October next to three of the Clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth on Monday Octr 2nd by Adjournment from ye 25th Sept 1769.

The Committe Appointed to wait on Mr Alexander Skammill as Entred the 25th past viz Thomas Foster Esqr in the name of said Committe Red the Conferance the sd Committe had with Mr. Skammill the paper Containing it not being Dilivered in to the town prevented its being Recorded.

Then the letter sent by Mr. Alexander *Skammill to sd Committe as his Answer to the towns Request made to him by said Committee was red which is in the words following.

To the Committe of Plimouth.

Gentlemen.

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* Alexander Scammell was born in Mendon, Mass., March 24, 1747, and graduated at Harvard in 1769. He was a son of Dr. Samuel Leslie Scammell, who came to Boston from England in 1738 and settled in Mendon, where he practised until his death in 1753. After leaving Plymouth he was a surveyor in Portsmouth, N. H. He studied law with Gen. James Sullivan, was afterwards on his staff, and after serving as Colonel of the Third New Hampshire Regiment became Adjutant General of the Army. He was wounded at Yorktown, September 30, 1781, and died while a prisoner in Williamsburg, Virginia, on the sixth of the following month.

Since by my Engagements with your School Committe I am Deprived of my presant business I shall not Relinquish them without the Consideration of 4 £ L M which being made to me between this time & next tuesday night, I will Give up the writting I Received from the School Committe at the Reception of the money, otherways I Shall Expect that they will make their Engagements Good.

Yours &c Alexander Skammill

Kingston Septembr ye 29th 1769.

Then a vote was Called to Know if the town will Dismiss the Petition of Doctr Wm. Thomas & 27 others Respecting the Continuance of Mr John Barrows in the town School as Entred Septembr 25th it Passed in the Negative.

Then a vote was Called to Know if the town will Continue Mr John Barrows in the town School, notwithstanding the School Committe have agreed with Mr. Alexander Skammill to Keep sd School. It Passed in the Negative.

[**261.**] At a Town Meeting assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth, Novembr 23rd Anno: Domini 1769.

Messrs Lemuel Bartlett Cornelus Holmes Junr John Cornish & Solomon Bartlett were Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury for Tryalls, at the next Court of Generall Sessions of the peace & Inferiour Court of Common pleas to be holden at Plimouth on the Second tuesday of December next.

At a Meeting of the town of Plimouth Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday the 5th day March A D 1770.

James Warren Esqr Chosen Moderator & sworn pr Thomas Foster Esqr Respecting The Neighboring Governments money.

Then voted that this meeting on account of the weather is Stormey be Adjourned to thirdsday the 8th day of March Instant to ten of the Clock A M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on thirdsday the 8th day of March A D 1770 by Adjournment from the 5th Currant as abovesd Ephraim Spooner Chosen town Clerk & sworn by Thomas Foster Esqr.

James Warren Esqr Mr John Blackmer Deacn John Torrey Capt Elkanah Watson & Ephraim Spooner Chosen

Selectmen the oath respecting other Governments money was administered to them by Edward Winslow Esqr.

Deacn John Torrey John Cotton Esqr & Mr John Blackmer Chosen Assessors & Sworn by Edward Winslow Esqr.

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Town Treasurer & sworn by Thomas Foster Esqr.

Then the votes for a County Treasurer were brought in & Sealed up in Town Meeting by Mr. Seth Holmes Constable & Ddd to him.

Then voted to have as many Schools Kept in the town & in the same manner as the last year.

Then made Choice of Deacn John Torrey James Warren Esqr & Capt Elkanah Watson a Committee to Supply the Grammar School with a Suteable Schoolmaster.

Messrs Zacheus Bartlett John Blackmer & Joseph Sylvester Chosen a Committe to Supply the School at Manument ponds with a Suteable Schoolmaster.

Messrs Ezekiel Morton Joseph Warren & John Finney Chosen a Committe to Supply the School at Eellriver with a Suteable Schoolmaster

Messrs Joseph Bartlett Ichabod Holmes & Amaziah Churchell Chosen a Committe to Supply the School at Willingsley with a Suteable Schoolmaster.

Messrs Lemuel Jackson Ebenezer Nellson & Silas Morton Chosen a Committe to Supply the School at the North End of the town with a Suteable Schoolmaster

[**262.**] At said Meeting Messrs John Waterman & John Harlow Junr Chosen to Serve on the Grand Jury for the year Ensuing.

And Robert Hose John Cobb Lemuel Jackson & Benjamin Warren Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury at the next Inferiour Court &c to be holden at Plimouth on the Second tuesday of April next.

Then the meeting was Adjourned to half an hour past 2 a Clock P M.

At the meeting of the Town of Plimouth at half an hour past 2 a Clock P M The Act Respecting the Observation of the Sabath & the Choice & Duty of Wardens was read & then made Choice of Messrs Job Cobb John Bartlett 3rd Silvanus Harlow & Ezekiel Rider Wardens

Then made Choice of James Drew Benjamin Churchell & Zacheus Churchell Guagers of Cask & packers of Fish.

Then a vote was called to know if the Town will Choose as many Constables (they to be Collectors)& on the same Conditions as the last year, it Passed in the Affirmative.

Then Voted that no Collector should have the Premium allowd but those that Give Good Security to the town Treasurer to Save the Town harmless.

Then Voted that the Assessors Shall Give out a Seperate llst of Tax bills to Each Collector according to their particular district.

Then voted that the highest in vote in Each district, be the person Chosen. And then made Choice of the following persons for Constables & Collectors viz—

Lemuel Drew for the North district
David Turner for the next district
Robert Hose for the next district
William Clark for the next district
Josiah Clark for the next or Southermost district, Sworn pr Thos Mayhew Esqr.

Then a vote was Called to Know if the town wil apply to the Court of Sessions that Capt Richard Wait & his wife may be maintained by those of their Children that have abillity, It passed in the Negative.

At said Meeting Messrs Ebenezr Samson Ebenezr Holmes Jonathan Harlow were Chosen Titheingmen

And Messrs John Thomas Junr Thomas Wethrell Elkanah Cushman Stephen Churchell Zadock Churchell Jacob Johnson Junr John Totman & Benjamin Goddard were chosen Hogreeves

And Messrs William Rider & Thomas Spooner were chosen Sealers of Leather

And Messrs John Russell & Samuel Cole Were chosen Clerks of the Market.

[**263.**] At Said Meeting Messrs Lemuel Jackson Thomas Lothrop James Bartlett Ebenezer Bartlett & Amaziah Churchell Were Chosen fence viewers & field drivers.

And Messrs James Warren Esqr George Watson Esqr Elkanah Watson Deacn John Torrey Ichabod Holmes & Zacheus Bartlett Were Chosen Firewards

And Messrs David Turner John Kempton Thomas Savory Joseph Treeble & Abial Shurtleff Were Chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

And Messrs Thomas Davie Amaziah Churchell Thomas

Jackson Junr Ichabod Holmes Jonathan Churchell Nathl Morton Junr Jonathan Samson Ebenezer Samson & James Doten were Chosen Cullers of Fish

And Messrs Benjamin Churchell James Drew & Thomas Jackson Junr were Chosen Suryevors of Clapboards & Shingle & Viewers & Cullers of Staves & hoops.

And Messrs William Ellis Thomas Clark & Samuel Donham Were Chosen deer reeves.

And Messrs Amaziah Churchell Lemuel Morton & Nathaniel Morton Junr Chosen to take Care of Plimouth Beach Agreeable to the Province Law.

And Messrs John Torrey Elkanah Watson & Thomas Davis Chosen to procure a Saxton.

And Messrs Zacheus Curtis Amaziah Churchell Elijah Dammon Ezekiel Morton Zacheus Bartlett & Eleazr Ellis Chosen Surveyors of the highways

At Said Meeting a vote was Called to Know the towns mind, if they will Choose a Committe of three persons to Examine the Chilldren that their Parents & Masters have a mind should go to the Grammer School & the Master of said School not to accept any but those that the Committe Examine & allow, it Passed in the Affirmative.

And then made Choice of Thomas Foster Esqr William Watson Esqr & Deacn John Torrey to be said Committe.

Then a vote was Called to know if the town will direct the Selectmen to procure Propper Staffs for the firewards, it Passed in the Affirmative.

Then voted that the Schools at the Ends of the Town be under the same regulations Respecting the Schollers admitted Therein by the particular Committes for supplying said Schools, as the Grammer School is at this time.

[**264.**] At said meeting the town voted to Conduct Respecting Alewives in town the presant year as the last year & Chose

Messrs William Crombe Benjamin Churchell & Silvanus Bramhall a Committee to take Care of the town brook.

Then a vote was Called to Know if the town will allow said Committe to let any fishermen take needfull bate at any time at their Discretion, it Passed in the Affirmative.

Then a vote was Called to Know if the town will build a powder house, for the towns powder & for private propperty as they may be occasion. It Passed in the Affirmative, and then made Choice of

Messrs Thomas Foster Esqr John Torrey & Elkanah Watson a Committe to procure a place for sd powder house, Estimate the Cost thereof, and Report at the time this meeting may be Adjourned to.

At said meeting a vote was Called to Know if the town will Choose a Committe to take into Consideration that paragraph in the warrant, respecting the dogs in this town, when many of them in divers parts of the Country are Seised with that Distemper Called madness, and some Even in This town have been destroyed on account of haveing the Symptoms of it upon them, it passed in the Affirmative & then made choice of Messrs John Torrey Elkanah Watson & Thomas Foster Esqr Said Committee they to Report what they think propper for the town to do Respecting them at the time this meeting may be Adjourned to.

At Said meeting a vote was Called to Know the towns mind, if they will Choose a Committe to take into Consideration that Paragraph in the warrent Relating to our publick affairs & to Endeavor to Encourage & Support the Generous Efforts of the Merchants in Boston & other seaport towns in the Sacrifice they have made to the publick Good by the agreement for the non Importation of Goods & to report to The town what they Think best for the Town to do thereon, It Passed in the Affirmative & then made Choice of James Warren Esqr Deacn John Torrey Mr. Isaac Lothrop Thomas Mayhew Esqr & Capt Elkanah Watson a Committe for that purpose they to report at the Adjournment of This meeting.

Previous to the Choice of Selectmen at this Meeting was read the paper Sent into the town by George Watson Esqr & is as follows.

To the Inhabitants of the town of Plimouth Assembled March 1770.

Gentlemen, you have for a number of years made Choice of me the Subscriber as one of your Selectmen. I Allways Esteemed it a mark of Respect for which I now return

[**265.**] you thanks. I don't Know as any person Intends to vote for me as one of the Selectmen for the year Ensuing, perhaps their are some that do, if there any Such I must desire them to give their votes for some other person, as I Should be verry Glad to be Excused.

Gentlemen I am with Great Respect
Your friend & Humble Servt
Geo: Watson

This meeting was Adjourned to Monday March 26th at 3 a Clock P M.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday March 26th 1770 by Adjournment from the 8th Currant

Lemuel Drew, David Turner & Robert Hose who were Chosen Constables & Collectors at this meeting ye 8th Currant Came into town meeting, & desired the town would Excuse them from Serving in sd office & Refused Serving.

Then a vote was Called to Know if the town will Give more than twelve pence per pound for Collecting the towns money the presant year, it passed in the offirmative.

Then voted to Choose a Committee of three persons at Vendue or otherways to procure the person or persons that will Collect the towns money in the four Northwest districts for the least sum over & above the Commissions he or they Giving bonds to Save the town harmless on their account. And then made Choice of Thomas Mayhew Esqr Deacn John Torrey & Mr. Stephen Samson to be sd Committe they to report to the town at the Adjournment of this meeting.

Then the Report of the Committe Respecting the powder House was red which was in the words folloking viz we the Subscribers, being appointed to Consider of a proper place to build a powder house & make an Estimate of the Cost Have attended that Service & are of opinion that the best place to build the same would be on the levile spot on the hill about a rod to the westward of Mr. Robbins fence that Incloses the personage being the northerly part of Fort hill we have allso Considered & made an Estimate of the Cost provided the town should think best to build a brick house which the Committee are of opinion would be safest & most Expedient & Supposeing the building to be round & thirteen feet diameter from outside to outside & six & a half Feet in the walls & a brick & half thick & brick roof the Estemate is twenty five pounds.

But if one brick, that is the length of one brick in the walls & Brick roof & twelve feet in diameter from outside to outside & six & a half feet in the walls which your Committe are of opinion will be Sufficiently strong, as allso Quit large

Enough then we have Estemated the Cost at 20 £. All which is submitted by Thomas Foster Elkanah Watson John Torrey Committe

[**266.**] At sd meeting a vote was Called to Know the towns mind if they will build sd powder house with brick & in the manner proposed by the (Committe) it Passed in The Affirmative. Allso voted it Shall stand on the Spot proposed by the Committe. And then made Choice of Deacn Torrey Capt Elkanah Watson & Mr Isaac Lothrop a Committe to build sd house.

Then the Committe appointed to take into Consideration that Parregraph of the warrent Respecting mad dogs reported as follows viz the Committe haveing met & Considered the Paragraph aforesd report as follows viz: that the accounts frequently published in the Newspapers of the dogs in many parts of the Country running mad & the bad Consequence Thereof is very alarming & require the Serious Attention of this Town & we think it very necessary that the Inhabitants make Themselves Acquainted with the symptoms of that distemper & wherever any such Symptoms are discovered that the discoverer Should Immediately Give public notice thereof & Cause the daingerous Annimel to be distroyed & That the Town Clerk be ordered to Sett up at the door of Mr. John Bartletts Markit place a Copy of the discription of the Severall Symptoms of that distemper published in some of the late papers.

John Torrey Elkanah Watson Thomas Foster Plimouth March 26th 1770.

At said Meeting a vote was Called to know the towns mind if they will accept sd report It Passed in the Affirmative. Then at said meeting the committe appointed to take into Consideration that parapraph in the warrant respecting our publick affairs & the non Importation of European Goods Reported to the Town as follows. Every man not destetute of the Principles of Freedom and Independence and that has Sensibility Enough to feel the least glow of Patriotism must at this time be strongly Impressed with a Sense of the miseries of their Country in Generall & of the town of Boston in Particular where a Melitary force has for some time been Stationed to aid & Support the Execution of Laws Designed to Subvert the liberties of English Subjects in America, & more Effectually to answer

the purpose to begin by Suppressing that Spirit of Freedom which has at all times distinguished that town, in a manner that will not only Secure them the Applause of the presant age, in Spite of the malevolence of placemen & pencioners, & all their adherents, but transmit their Character & Conduct down to posterity in the faithfull pages of Impartial History in the most Illustrious view there to stand as a Monument of Admiration to posterity, of their unparrelled firmness & disenteredness in the Cause of their Country. When the names of their Enemies however dignified now by titles of distinction Shall be rescued from Oblivion only to perpetuate their Infamy. And their Posterity Notwithstanding the Excessive

[**267.**] Emoluments Now Enjoyed by their Ancestors at the Expense of humanity & Every tender feeling Shall be undistinguished & neglected. Affected with these Sentiments and Influenced by the principles of Gratitude & Justice to the merit of their Brethren of ye town of Boston in Generall & of the Respectable Merchants there in Particular and willing to Contribute all in their power to Support them in their Laudable purpose of Repelling Tyranny & oppression & Establishing those rights for themselves & Country which they are Intitled to as men and Englishmen. The Inhabitants of the town of Plimouth Assembled at their Annual Meeting do vote First that the thanks of this town be Given to the town of Boston for the firm & Spirited Opposition they have made to the Attempts of Tyranny & oppression to enslave us at the Expence of their Interest & their Blood & to Express the Sensibility of this Town on Occasion of the late Horrid Scene Exhibited in the butchery of Citizens which we Consider as a mark among many others of the Resentment of our Enemies against them for their steady regard to the rights of their Country & to Assure them that we shall at all times Assist them in all vigerous & Constitutional measures they shall adopt for the Preservation of our Common Rights. And that we will stand or fall with them in the defence thereof.

Secondly, That we will at all times Support & Encourage the nonimportation agreement of the Merchants & hold in the highest Detestation those who Continue Audaciously to Import Contrary to said agreement & all that are Concerned with them and that we will Encourage Frugallity

Industry & the manufactures of this Country And discourage the use of Foreign Superfluities particularly that of Foreign tea so Pernicious to the health as well as the Interest of this Country.

Thirdly, That a Committee of Inspection be Chose to Enquire from time to time if any person among us Shall directly or Indirectly Trade or be Concerned with the very few who now stand recorded by a vote of the town of Boston of ye 23rd Instant as prefering their own to the publick Advantage of their Country by taking Advantage of the Generous Self denial of their fellow Citizens & Continueing to Import Goods. And allso to enquire if any person by land or water Shall bring into the town Goods that were purchased from any of them & to Expose all such persons if any there be to the view of the publick & particularly to report their names to the next May meeting of this town.

Fourthly, That the Town Clerk be directed to transmit a Copy of these votes to the Selectmen of the Town of Boston.

Then a vote was Called to Know if the town will accept Sd Report it Passed in the Affirmative Unanimously. And then made Choice of Mr Ephraim Cobb Thomas Mayhew Esqr Mr Ichabod Shaw Mr Thomas Lothrop James Warren Esqr Capt Thomas Jackson Deacn John Torrey a Committee of Inspection according to the Proposal & for the purpose abovsd.

[**268.**] At sd Meeting Thomas Bartlett was Chosen Hogreeve.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Wednesday ye 28th of March Instant to 3 of the Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Wednesday ye 28th day of March A D 1770 by Adjournment from the 26th Currant.

The Committe appointed to procure a Collector for the four northern districts in this town the presant year Reported they had Procured Mr Benjamin Warren to Serve as Constable & Collector for the sd four Districts. Said Warren came into town meeting & Manifested his willingness to Serve in sd office for the Sum of Eleven pounds nine Shellings Lawfull money more than the premium of twelve pence on the pound.

Then made Choice of sd Benjamin Warren to be Consta-

ble & Collector for the districts abovesd & to allow him the sum abovesd & the premuim on Condition he Gives Sufficient Security to Save the town harmless on his account. Then the oath of Constable & Collector was Administered to sd Benjamin Warren by Thomas Mayhew Esqr.

At sd Meeting a vote was Called to Know if the town would Choose a man to Prosecute Robert Hose & David Turner for their Refusall to Serve as Constables as Entd the 26th Currant it passed in the Negative.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on tuesday the 8th day May 1770 Messrs John Kempton Abial Shurtleff & William Crombie were Chosen To Serve on the Grand Jury

& Messrs Ephraim Cobb Zacheus Bartlett James Drew Thomas Davis Silvanus Bramhall Meletiah Lothrop James Doten John Finney & William Rider were Chosen to Serve on the petit Jury, all at the next Superiour Court of Judicature, Court of Assize &c to be holden at Plimouth on the third Tuesday of May Instant.

[**269.**] At a Meeting of the town of Plimouth Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth Monday May 21st 1770.

A vote was Called to Know if the town would send two Representatives the presant year, it passed in the Negative.

Then made Choice of James Warren Esqr to serve as Representative at the Great & Generall Court or Assemble appointed to be Convened held and Kept for his Majestys Service upon Wednesday the thirtyeth day of May Instant.

At said Meeting James Warren Esqr Chosen Moderator & Sworn by Edward Winslow Esqr. Then the petition of Doctr William Thomas & others proposeing to the town to have the burying hill fenced in, was red which was in the words following viz:

To the Selectmen of the town of Plimouth

these are to desire you to Insert a Clause in the next warrent you make out for Calling a town meeting to Know if the town will let out the feeding of the burying hill for a term of years to any person or persons that will appear to fence the same with Good post & rale fence, or whether the town will fence the Same at their own Cost, or any other ways Inclose sd hill as the please.

William Thomas Thomas Lothrop T. S. Howland Jona-

than Churchell Isaac Lothrop John Bartlett John Watson John Bartlett tertius Ichabod Holmes.

then a vote was Called to Know if the town would Grant the Pray of said Petition, it passed in the Negative.

Then a vote was Called to Know if the town would dismiss sd petition, it passed in the Affirmative.

N B Immediately after Collo Warren was chosen Representative as abovesd for Reasons, he desired to be Excused from Serving in sd office. A vote was Called to Know if the town would Excuse him accordingly, It passed in the Negative.

At a Meeting of the town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth ye 27th day of June Anno Domini 1770—

Isaac Symms & George Holmes were Chosen to serve on the petit jury at the next Court of Generall Sessions of the peace & Inferiour Court of Common pleas to be holden at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimouth on the first tuesday of July next.

[270.] To the Honourable the Justices of the Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace now holden at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimouth. The Memorial of us the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Plimouth humbly Shewith.

That there are in the said town of Plimouth two Engines for the purpose of Extinguishing fires for which it is necessary their Should be a Convenient house nere the center of the town that the town is possessed of no Suteable Spott of land to Erect such a building upon & as the County so far as their building are concerned Share a proportional Advantage from Said Engines & have a spot of land at the Easterly end of the Court house very Suitable for the purpose & where your Memorialists apprehend such a house may be erected without any disadvantage to the County they therefore pray that your Honours would Give leave to the town of Plimouth to Erect an Engine house on the same there to remain dureing the pleasure of the Court & your Memorialists Shall Ever pray.

James Warren
John Torrey
Elkanah Watson
Ephm Spooner

Plimouth April 13th 1770

Plimouth S S at his Majestys Court of Generall Sessions of the peace begun & held at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimouth on the Second tuesday of April A D 1770 the above written petition was presented & Read and the prayer thereof Granted.

Attest Ed Winslow Junr Cler pacis

At a Meeting of the town of Plimouth Regularly assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday Septmb 17th 1770.

James Warren Esqr Chosen Moderator. The oath by law prescribed was administered to him by Thomas Foster Esq.

At sd Meeting voted to Excuse Manument ponds Precinct from paying any part of the sum of 11.9| the Extreordinary Allowance Given to Benjamin Warren Collector The presant year & directed that the Assessors put sd sum in the bills that may be Given said Warren to Collect.

At sd meeting voted to Choose a Committe to Examine the town treasurs Accounts, books, Securitys &c & to make report the Exact State of the Treasury at the time this meeting may be adjourned to.

And then made Choice of George Watson Esqr Thomas Foster Esqr & Deacn John Torrey a Committe for that purpose.

Then made Choice of Thomas Lothrop, John Watson, Stephen Samson to serve on the petit Jury for Tryalls at the next Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace & Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plimouth on the first tuesday of October next. For Reason sd Thomas Lothrop & John Watson were Excused by the Town from Serving as Jurors as abovesd & allso sd Stephen Samson he haveing Served as Juryman within Three years.

Then made Choice of Messrs Nathaniel Bartlett Jeremiah Holmes John Thomas Junr & Nathaniel Barnes to Serve as Jurors at the Courts above named.

[271.] Town Meeting September 17th 1770 Continued

Then the Petition of Capt Ezra Allen & Fifty others was read which was in the words following viz.

To the Selectmen of the town of Plimouth.

Gentlemen.

We the Subscribers Pray that you would be pleased to Insert a clause in your warrent for the next town meeting

to Know if the town will take into Consideration the many Greavances which we labour under both in regard to labour & trade & whether the Exporting of timber plank & all sorts of naval stores to Great Britain, is not Very Detrimentall to the Interest of this Country, & of Pernicious Consequence to this town in particular, as many persons heretofore have & still Continue to do the same, to the Great Discouragement of Shipbuilding as well to the disadvantage of many other trades which hath allmost ruined business in allmost all the Seaports & if Continued will sink us if Possable much below what we have hitherto been & oblige us in a verry little time to Import from other parts materials to build our own vessells to our Great disadvantage, all which is humbly Submitted by Gentlemen Yours

Ezra Allen	Samuel Battles
Daniel Diman	Joshua Swift
Samuel Pearce	James Shurtleff
William Thomas	Jonathan King
William Crombie	Silvanus Harlow
John Howard	Samuel Jackson
Eleazr Churchell	Jonathan Samson
Ichabod Holmes	Benjamin Rider
Stephen Samson	Ephraim Darling
David Lothrop	Silvanus Bramhall
Ichabod Shaw	Ichabod Mroton
Seth Harlow	Stephen Churchell
Ephraim Cobb	Abraham Hammet
Ezekiel Morton	Amaziah Harlow
Samuel Ellis	John Kempton
Barnabas Hedge	Samuel Cole
John Harlow Junr	Thomas Spooner
James Doten Junr	Benjamin Churchell
James Drew	William Watson
William Hall Jackson	Amaziah Churchell
Eleazr Stephens	Thomas Davis
Thomas Savery	Joshua Bryant
Nathl Morton Junr	David Turner
Abial Shurtleff	Jonathan Diman
Daniel Whitman	John Waterman

Joseph Bartlett Junr

Then Voted to Choose a Committe to wate on those men that have Shipt & are about to Ship of timber Plank, &c to

Great Brittain & learn what they say on the Subject & Enquire whether they desire to Continue their sd Exportation. And report to the town at The Adjournment of this meeting.

Accordingly made Choice of William Watson Esqr Thomas Foster Esqr & Mr Ephraim Cobb a Committe for the purpose abovesd.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Octr 29th next to 2 a Clock P M.

[**272.**] At a Town meeting Assembled & held in the court house in Plimouth on Monday Octobr 29th 1770 by Adjournment from the 17th day of Septembr last

The Committes that were Chosen on the 17th of Septembr abovesd to Examine the Town treasurers accounts &c & to discorse with those persons that are about to ship of lumber to Great Brittain, They not being able to report to this meeting (as mentioned to the town by Thomas Foster Esqr who is one of boath sd Committes)are directed to Report to the town at the Adjournment of this meeting.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to ye 12th Novembr next at 2 a Clock P M.

Then the Warrant for Calling a meeting of this town on this day at three of the Clock P M to take into Consideration the Scituation of Eleriver bridge which is verry much Dammaged by the late Terrible storm, & to act & do whatever the town shall think propper relative thereto was red.

Then James Warren Esqr was chosen Moderator & sworn by Thomas Foster Esqr.

Then voted to Choose a Committe to repair sd Bridge as Soon as may be & that sd Committe should Consist of three persons.

Then made Choice of Thomas Foster Esqr Mr Silvanus Bartlett & Deacn John Torrey a Committe for sd purpose.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday 12th November 1770 by Adjournment from 29th Octobr last past.

At sd meeting the Report of the Committe appointed to Examine & Report the state of the Town Treasurey was red which was in the words following viz:

A list of Bonds due to the town of Plimouth taken Novembr 1st 1770.

Deacn Bartlett & Robert Bartlett March 4th 1756 with a years Intrest to last March	20	10	0	1	4	7
Elkanah Watson & Thomas Spooner Septembr 11 1758	9	9	4			
David Turner & Silvanus Bartlett Octr 12th 1761 2 years Intrest	29	4	0	3	10	1
Josiah Morton & Seth Morton Janry 1st 1762	15	5	8			
John Finney & Nathl Warren Febry 20th 1753		6	7		7	8
Nathl Warren & John Finney Febry 20th 1753	7	8	2		9	0
Thos Southwth Howland & Nehe: Ripley Novr 24th 1767 3 years Intrest ye 24th Instant	8	5	0	1	9	8¼
Ebenezr Donham & John Donham Ap: 24th 1753	2	9	0			
James Warren & Nathl Goodwin Novr 15th 1757	6	17	9½	16	6	
Timothy Burbank & John Kempton July 24th 1751	17	10	0	2	10	8¾
John Torrey & Nathl Torrey July 24th 1750	4	16	0			
Edwd Winslow Esqr & Gideon White 10th 1757	60	15	8			
[273] Thomas Jackson & Thomas Jackson Junr Febry 12 1756	18	12	1d	1	2	3
William Holmes & Jeremiah Holmes Augst 2nd 1769	5	1	8		6	1¼
Jonathan Churchill & Amaziah Churchill Janry 26th 1767	13	6	8	2	8	0
Eleazer Churchill & Josiah Churchill April 28th 1759	20	0	0	2	8	0
Silas Morton & Ebenezr Nellson May 30th 1770	66	13	4			
Perez Tillson & Elekanah Watson April 10th 1753	15	1	4	5	6	6
Daniel Diman & Andrew Croswell Octr 8 1770	13	6	8			
Thomas Foster Junr & Perez Tillson Febry 20th 1757	17	18	4	7	5	8
Perez Tillson & John Churchell Augst 17th 1753	6	13	4	2	8	0
Abner Holmes, Nicholas Nellson & Ebenezr Nellsons Note of hand Janry 6th 1761	3	2	0		7	5
Thomas Foster Esqr Note May 9th 1757	4	17	11½d	1	3	6
Gershom Holmes & George Holmes bond Novr 19th 1751	6	2	2	4	3	5
Solomon Bartletts Mortgage Augst 3rd 1767	10	12	0			
	£403	14	6½	38	8	4¾

We the subscribers being appointed a Committe to Examine the town treasurers accounts allso to Give the town an account of what moneys is due to the town on account of bonds &c have attended that service & find said Treasurers accounts well vouched & right Cast & that there is a ballance

due to the Treasurer of £4, 0, 3½d & that their is still outstanding in the severall constables hands the sum of 496-9-4¾d viz—

1750	Timothy Burbank	3	5	5¾ d
1752	Jonathan Darling	7	7	3
1753	George Holmes	13	2	4¾
1763	Jonathan Churchill	33	1	1¼
1764	Ebenezer Donham	41	7	2¾
1766	Jeremiah Holmes	78	15	9¼
1767	Richard Cooper	54	8	10¼ d
	Zacheus Barnes	29	12	6
1767	Jeremiah Holmes	43	13	½
	Seth Harlow	18	6	9½
	Seth Washburn	15	12	4½
	Jonathan Bartlett	10	3	8¼
1769	Andrew Croswell	110	4	6½
	Seth Holmes	20	3	8½
	Robert Finney	17	4	8
		£496	9	4¾

And that their is due to the town on bonds & other securetys a list of which we have herewith Exhibited the sum of £403, 14, 6½d Principal & the sum of 38, 8, 4¾d Intrest all which is submitted.

Geo. Watson,
Thomas Foster,
John Torrey.

Plimo Novr 1st 1770

Then Voted to accept said report.

[**274.**] At said meeting Voted to raise the sum of two hundred ninety three pounds to drefrey the Charges of ye Town the Currant year. Allso Voted & directed the Assessors to Include the County tax for this town in the town tax this year.

Allso Voted & directed the Assessors in making the taxes this year not to lett the Surplusage Exceed fifteen pounds Lawfull money.

Then the warrant for calling a meeting of this town on this day was red.

James Warren Esqr chosen moderator & sworn pr Esqr Cotton.

Then Voted and directed the school committe for Grammer school to agree with Mr. Alexander Scammell our presant schoolmaster to keep the school the currant year & to allow him sixty pounds Lawfull money therefor.

Then voted that the pest house in this town shall be rented

out & that the selectmen procure a suteable tennant as soon as may be.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on fryday ye 7th day of Decembr 1770. Messrs. Timothy Burbank Jacob Taylor Levi Drew & Ezra Burbank chosen to serve on the petit Jury for tryalls at the next Inferiour Court &c to be holden at Plimouth on the second tuesday of Decembr Currant.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday Febry 4th A. D. 1771.

James Warren Esqr chosen Moderator & sworn by Thomas Foster Esqr.

Then the vote of the County of Barnestable respecting Eleriver bridge &c was red & is in the words following viz:

At his Majesty's Court of Generall sessions of the peace began & held at Barnestable in & for said County on the first tuesday of Decembr 1770.

Thomas Foster Esqr and others a Committe of the town of Plimouth laid before said sessions an account of the repairs of Eleriver bridge, dated in November 1770, to the amount of Forty eight pounds, two shillings & 6d & desired an Allowance of the one half of said sum from the county of Barnestable, agreeable to the custom of mentaining sd bridge & the court on looking into sd account did not pass on the same, as their was some objections as to the reasonableness of the same & other ways. Whereupon the Court continued the passing on sd account untill the next session of said Court to be held at sd Barnestable on the first tuesday of Aprill next & at the same time the sd sessions Appointed James Otis Thomas Smith & Edward Bacon Esqr a Committe to confer with the Committe of the town of Plimouth as to the unreasonableness of said account & to see if they could settle the same, & at the same time to see if they could agree with sd town of Plimouth, so as to buy of the Incumbrance of said bridge, allso to explane a new way, so as to avoid the traveling over sd bridge for the future, sd committe to report their doing hereon at the next Court of Generall sessions of the peace to be holden at Barnestable aforesd,, on the first tuesday of April next.

A True copy Attest Joseph Otis Clerk

[275.] At said meeting Voted this town will confer

with the Committe of the County of Barnestable respecting the late repairs of Eleriver bridge & allso respecting sd County's giving this town a sum of money to acquit them said County from paying any charges for repareing or building said bridge in times to come. Then voted to choose a Committe of three persons for that purpose, and accordingly made choice of George Watson Esqr, James Warren Esqr & Mr. Silvanus Bartlett said Commite they to make report to the town the next town meeting.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Regularly assembled & held in the Court house in sd Town on Monday the 11th day of March Anno Domini 1771.

James Warren chosen moderator & sworn by Edward Winslow Esqr.

Ephraim Spooner chosen town clerk & sworn by sd Winslow Esqr.

Mr. John Blackmer, James Warren Esqr, Deacn John Torrey, Capt. Elkanah Watson & Ephraim Spooner chosen Selectmen, said Torrey & Watson took the oath by law appointed, it was Adminstrd by Edward Winslow Esqr sd Warren & Spooner took sd oath before.

Deacn John Torrey, John Cotton Esqr, Mr. John Blackmer chosen Assessors. They were sworn in town meeting ye 21st Instant by Thomas Foster Esqr.

Then the Votes for a County Register were brought in, after which the town voted to have them sorted & it appeared their were 76 votes for John Cotton Esqr and 23 votes for Pelham Winslow Esqr, then they were seal'd up in meeting by Mr. Benjamin Warren Constable, who took the same.

John Cotton Esqr chosen town treasurer & sworn by Thomas Foster Esqr.

Then the votes for a County treasurer were brought in & sealed up in sd meeting by Mr. Benjamin Warren Constable who took the same.

Then voted to have as many schools & under the same regulation as the last year.

James Warren Esqr, Deacn John Torrey, Capt. Elkanah Watson chosen a Committe to supply the Grammer school with a suteable schoolmaster.

Benjamin Rider Junr, Mr. John Blackmer & Mr. Stephen Doten chosen a Committe to supply the school at Manument ponds with a suteable schoolmaster.

Josiah Morton Junr, Ezekiel Morton & Capt. John Finney, chosen a committe to supply the school at Eleriver with a suteable schoolmaster.

[276.] At sd meeting

Messrs Ichabod Holmes, Nathaniel Morton Junr, & Samuel Bartlett were chosen a committe to supply the school at Wellingsley with a suteable schoolmaster.

Messrs Ebenezr Nellson, Lemuell Jackson & Silas Morton were chosen a committe to supply the school at the North End of the town with a suteable schoolmaster.

Stephen Mason chosen saxton.

Then voted to allow the premium of twelve pence per pound for collecting & paying in the towns money, they Giveing bonds with Good Securetys to save the town harmless on their accounts. And allso they to pay in the whole of the money they may be ordered to collect and finish their accounts with the treasurer within two years from the date of the tax bills that may be delivered them. It is not Intended by this vote to prevent the treasurers Issuing their Executions against the person or persons that may not pay in the money he or they are to Collect by the time mentioned in their Respective Warrents.

Then voted to procure a Collector or Collectors for the four Northern districts, viz the person or persons that will do it for ye lest sum of money over & above the premium abovesd, he or they Giveing bonds with Sufficient Surety's to save the town harmless as abovesd & accordingly made choice of Deacn John Torrey, Thomas Foster Esqr & Mr. Ephraim Cobb a committe for that purpose they to report to the town at the time this meeting shall be Adjourned to.

Messrs John Waterman & Ichabod Shaw were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury the year Ensuing, & Messrs Elkanah Churchill, Thomas Savory, James Shurtleff & Jesse Harlow were chosen to serve on the petit Jury at the next Court of Generall sessions of the peace &c to be holden at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimouth on the second tuesday of April next.

At sd meeting

Pelham Winslow Esqr, Deacn John Torrey Thomas Foster Esqr, Joshua Swift, Benjamin Rider Junr & Thomas Ellis were chosen Surveyors of highways.

At sd meeting the Town Voted to conduct Respecting the

Alewives Going through the same as the last year, & made choice of Zacheus Curtis, Silvanus Harlow & Stephen Churchill a Committe to take care of the town brook agreeable to the law of this province respecting alewives.

Allso Voted sd Committe shall lett the fishermen belonging to this town take needfull bate as they shall Judge Proper. Then this meeting was Adjourned to thirdsday the 21st current at 2 o'clock p. m.

[**277.**] At a meeting of the town of Plimouth assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on thursday the 21st day of March 1771 by Adjournment from the 11th Currant. the Act Respecting the Choice & duty of Wardens & the observation of the Lords day was red after which Messrs Thomas Mathews, Thomas Lothrop, Stephen Churchell, Nathaniel Morton Senr & James Clark were chosen wardens.

Messrs James Drew, Benjamin Churchell & Stephen Churchell chosen Guagers of Casks & Packers of Fish.

Then the Committe who were chosen to procure a Collector or Collectors for the four Northern districts Reported they had attended that service & hired Bartlett Lebaron & Benjamin Warren as Collectors for sd districts for the sum of Eleven pounds ten shillings Lawfull money on the conditions & to be aded to the Premium as before Voted ye 11th currant. Their districts as Collectors to be as follows viz sd Warren's district to be the North side of the street leading from Revd Mr. Robbins meeting house down to the waterside by the waterside & all to the northward of sd street as far as Kingston line & all the westward in the range of the Northerly side of the street aforesd.

And the sd Lebarons district to begin the southerly side of said street Including it down to the waterside & by the waterside & all to the Southward of sd street as farr as Manument Ponds Precinct.

Then John Cornish was chosen Constable & Collector for Manument Ponds Precinct.

Then George Holmes, Seth Harlow & Ezekiel Rider were chosen Tythingmen.

Then Benjamin Drew, William Coye, Lemuel Barnes, Junr, Levi Drew, Stevens Mason, Lemuel Holmes, Samuel Morton, George Bramhall, Phillip Leonard & Nathaniel Bartlett Junr were chosen Hogreeves.

Then William Rider & Thomas Spooner were chosen Sealers of leather.

Then John Russell & Samuel Cole were chosen Clerks of the Market.

[278.] Messrs Ebenezr Nellson, Richard Cooper, Thomas Bartlett, John Sherman & Branch Blackmer were chosen fence viewers & field drivers.

Messrs George Watson Esqr, James Warren Esqr, Deacn John Torrey, Capt. Elkanah Watson, Ichabod Holmes & Zacheus Bartlett were chosen firewards.

Messrs John Kempton, David Lothrop, David Turner, Lemuel Drew & Abial Shurtleff were chosen Surveyors of Lumbr.

Messrs Ebenez Samson, Robert Bartlett, Thomas Davie, Lemuel Jackson, Thomas Jackson Junr, Ichabod Holmes, Amaziah Churchill, Eleaz Churchill, & Samuel Bartlett were chosen Cullers of Fish.

Messrs Benjamin Churchill, James Drew & Thomas Jackson Junr were chosen Surveyors of Clapbords & Shingles & Viewers & Cullers of Staves & Hoops.

Messrs William Ellis, Thomas Clark & Samuel Donham were chosen deer reeves.

Messrs John Sherman, Nathaniel Morton Junr & Josiah Morton were chosen to take care of Plimouth Beach agreeable to the Province Law.

Then made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr, William Watson Esqr & Deacn John Torrey a committe to examine the scholars that shall desire to be admitted into the Grammer school in the same manner as voted the last year.

Then Voted & directed the Town Treasurer to conduct Respecting Gathering in the money due to the town from the Collectors & other persons on Bonds, Notes &c in the same manner as voted by the town at March meeting 1769. Then voted to choose a Committe to prepair & lay before the town at the next town meeting a draft of a Proper regulation for the town to come into Respecting lodging in the Powder house the powder that may be in this town in time to come being Private property & accordingly made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr, George Watson Esqr, Deacn John Torrey a Committe. for that purpose.

[279.] At said meeting voted this town will Petition the Great & Generall Court desireing they will Grant us a lot-

tery or lotterys for building a wharf in this town, into the bay or Harbour, so as to secure the wharfs & Vessells in this harbour from damage by storms &c.

Then voted to choose an agent to join with our Representative in Prefering a Petition to the Generall Court for the purpose abovesd and accordingly made Choice of George Watson Esqr sd Agent.

At sd meeting Nathan Savory by his frind Mr. Lemuel Jackson desired Liberty to withdraw the Petition he prefered desireing this town will Give him liberty to build a Saw mill on the stream belonging to this town that runs out of half way pond so Called. And accordingly sd Petition was withdrawn. Then voted & Directed the Selectmen at a proper time to Advertise in this town the law of the Province Respecting Preventing Carrying * about the Immage of the pope &c in night time & for Preventing Riots & unlawfull Assembleys. Then Voted to continue the Consideration of that parragraff in the warrent Respecting the towns assisting the owners of Meadow at Eele river in stopg the beach from breaking away & dammageing their meadow & the bridge untill the next town meeting. Then made choice of James Hovey Esqr, Pelham Winslow Esqr & Deacn John Torrey a committe to take into Consideration the parregraf in the Warrent being the request of Lydia Boult desireing the town will confirm to her & her chilldren the land which her father Mr. Francis Curtis Junr Bought of Deacn John Foster in 1734, he then being town Treasurer & one of the towns Committe for the sail of lands as appears by sd Fosters Rect, they to report to the town what they Judge proper to be done in sd affair to the next town meeting. Messrs Benjamin Warren & Bartlett Lebaron, who were Chosen Constables & Collectors at this meeting were sworn in town meeting by Esqr Winslow.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Wednesday the 27th Currant at 3 oclock p. m.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Assembled & held

* This offense probably came under an Act passed in 1756-57, prohibiting "any persons, being more than three in number, (from) being armed all or any of them with sticks, clubs or any kind of weapons, or disguised with vizards, so called, or painted or discolored faces, or being in any other manner disguised and assembling together, having any kind of *imagery* or pageantry with them, as a public show." The Province Charter provided "that there shall be a liberty of conscience allowed in the worship of God to all Christians (except Papists)."

in the Court house in Plimouth on Wednesday the 27th March A D 1771 by Adjournment from the 21st Currant. Then Voted & Reconsidered the Vote Respecting Petitioning the Great & Generall Court for a Lottery to build a wharf as entred ye 21st currant & allso put of & referred the Consideration of said affair of a Lottery to the next May meeting. Then the Committe who were chosen by the town at a meeting ye 4th of Febry last to confer with the Committe of the County of Barnestable to settle the accounts of the late repairs of Eleriver bridge & concluding upon a sum of money to be paid by said County to their town & thereupon they to be excused from any expence on account sd bridge in time to verbley reported they had Attended that service & have settled the accounts of the last repairs of said Bridge as they were rendered in & they were Informed by sd

[280.] Countys Committe they as a Committe chose rather to referr the matter of buying of the Incumberance the mentainance of sd bridge is to sd County to the Consideration of the next Court of Generall sessions of the peace for sd County to be holden in April next.

John Cornish who was chosen Constable &c., ye 21st Currant, not haveing declared to the town his acceptance or refusall to serve in the office. Said meeting was Adjourned to Fryday ye 29th Instant at 2 oclock p m. John Cornish above named came to the town Clerk ye 28th Currant & Informed him had been before Edward Winslow Esqr & taken the oaths of Constable & Collector.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 6th day of May A D 1771.

Messrs Silvanus Bartlett, Lemuel Morton, Silas Morton, Joshua Swift, John Kempton & Thomas Lothrop were chosen to serve on the petit Jury at the next Superiour Court &c to be holden here ye 3d tuesday of May Instant. Then Deacn John Torrey was chosen Moderator & sworn by the town clerk, no justice of the peace being in meeting.

Then made choice of Messrs Nehemiah Ripley, Ephraim Cobb & Andrew Croswell to serve on the Grand Jury at the Superiour Court of Judicature &c to be holden at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimouth on the 3d tuesday of May as abovesd.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Regularly assembled & held in the court house in Plimouth on fryday ye 24th day of May A D 1771. A vote was Called to know if the town will send two Representatives to the Great & Generall Court the presant year. It passed in the Negative.

Then made choice of James Warren Esqr to serve as Representative for sd Town at the Great & Generall Court or Assembly of this Province to be Convened & held at Cambridge upon the last Wednesday of May Instant. Then made choice of James Warren Esqr Moderator of this meeting; the oath by law appointed was Administered to him by Esqr Cotton. Then the Committe viz Thomas Foster Esqr & others appointed to prepare a Draft of a proper regulation for the town to come into respecting lodging in the powder house the powder being private property reported but for reasons the town voted to recommit sd affair to sd Committe & directed them to prepare a proper bill therefor, to be laid before the town at the next town meeting.

Then the Committe appointed to Consider the Petition of Lydia Boult viz, James Hovey Esqr & others Informed the town that they were not ready to report. Then voted that said Committe Attend sd service & report to the town at Next town meeting.

[**281.**] Then voted to reconsider the vote of this town at March meeting last so far as relates to the town Treasurers prosecuteing the delinquent Constables & Collectors, And voted & directed the town treasurer not to issue Executions against the delinquent Collectors till the first day of July next, & in case they by that time pay one full half of what remains due, that then Execution be suspended for the remainder till the 1st of Septembr; by which time they are to perfect their accounts or be prosecuted; but if they fail of the above payment by the beginning of July, that then Execution be Immediately Issued for the whole.

Then the Petition of Messrs William Crombie & John Thomas Junr was red, is in the words following viz:

To the Selectmen of the town of Plimouth.

Gentlemen.

We the subscribers having engaged in the leather dressing buisness, or that of manufacturing deere skins & sheep skins find that a mill much like that of a clothiers, is highly

Necessary in order for perfecting the same, and being informed that the stream on which the two Grist mills stand is the town property & at their disposal, we earnestly request of you to Insert a clause in the Warrent for the next town meeting, desiring the town would Grant us liberty to erect one upon sd stream, at a place Called deep water, or any other place that shall be more convenient, a Complyance with the above will be gratefully acknowledged by your very humble servts William Crombie
John Thomas Junr

Plimouth May 9th 1771.

After sum debate on the subject of sd Request & making a Grant, A vote was Called to know if the town will choose a Committe to take sd affair into Consideration & report thereon, it Passed in the Negative.

Then Voted that the prayer of sd Petition be so far Granted, that they be allowed to erect a mill for the purposes & at the place therein mentioned, to stand dureing the pleasure of the town, they keeping open a sufficient way for the alewives to pass, and repass, in the season of their going up & down, without any obstruction. Then voted to refer the Consideration of Petitioning the Generall Court for a lottery to build a wharf as Entred in March last, to the next town meeting.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth June 25th Anno Domini 1771 Messrs Jonathan Harlow & John Nellson were chosen to serve on the Petit Jury at the Next Court of Generall sessions of the peace & Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plimouth on the first tuesday of July next.

[282.] At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Saturday ye 28th day of September A D 1771

Messrs Nathaniel Shurtleff, Nathaniel Churchill, Stephen Doten & Joshua Shaw were chosen to serve on the Petit Jury at the Next Court of Generall Sessions of the peace, & Inferiour Court of Common pleas, to be holden at Plimouth, within & for the County of Plimouth on the first tuesday of Octobr Next.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Assembled & held in the Court house in sd Town on Monday ye 28th day of October A D 1771.

Doctr Lazarus Lebarron was chosen Moderator & sworn as the law Directs pr James Hovey Esqr. Then this meeting was Adjourned to 3 a clock P. M.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth at 3 a clock in the afternoon of the 28th day of Octobr An Estemate of the Charges of the town for the Currant year was laid before the town by the Town Treasurer, viz

Town Schoolmaster Sallery	60	0	0
Schoolmaster at Ponds 8, 0 Do at Eellriver £8	16	0	0
Capt Waites & wifes bord 1 year	27	4	0
Widdow Lydia Mortons bord 1 year at 4, 8d	12	2	8
Jean Allen House rent 1 year	3	0	0
Selectmen's Disbursements to the poor about	30	0	0
Assessors Wages about	6	10	0
Treasurer's Commissions about	7	0	0
The Constables Commissions for Collecting Taxes about	30	0	0
Further Allowance to the Constables for Collectg about	11	0	0
Assessors Wages for taking the valuation this fall about	7	0	0
Deficiency by reason of Abatements about	30	0	0
Doctors bills for Attendance on the poor while sick about	8	0	0
Mr Nathaniel Lothrops Intrest 1 year	4	15	0
Widdow Shurtleffs bord 1 year at a Doller pr week	15	12	0
Saxtons wages 1 year	8	0	0
	292	17	0

Then voted to raise the sum of three hundred pounds for Defraying the Charges of the town the Currant year.

Then voted that they would not procure a person to assist Mr. Alexander Skammell our presant Schoolmaster in Keeping the Grammer school.

Then a vote was Called to Know whether the town will Chuse Agents to Prosecute the County of Barnestable or the Southern towns for what is due from them for Rebuilding & Repairing Eell river bridge, & to do & act Every Thing Necessary towards recovering their proportion of what has been Expended in sd work, it Passed in the affirmative & then made Choice of James Hovey Esqr, Thomas Foster Esqr & Capt Theophilus Cotton Agents for that purpose.

[**283.**] Then voted they would not build a workhouse as mentioned in the Warrent for Calling this meeting.

Then voted to Chuse a Committe to Consider about making a way for herring from South pond into Eellriver. And

accordingly made Choice of Thomas Foster Esqr Lemuel Jackson Ichabod Holmes Stephen Samson & William Watson a Committe for that purpose, they to view the place & report to the town what they think best to be done in sd affair at the next March Meeting.

Then voted to raise the Sum of ten pounds Lawfull money to defray the Charges that may arise by a sute with the County of Barnestable as mentioned at this meeting.

Then voted that the Assessors shall Include the County tax in the town tax the presant year as Usuall. Allso voted they the Assessors Shall not Include a Surplusage in the tax of more than fifteen pounds.

Then voted to build a Shed or porch over the door of the School house and accordingly made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr for that purpose.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Assembled & held in the Court house in said Town on Monday Decr 2nd Anno Domini 1771 Messrs John Howard Thomas Spooner Samuel Battles & Lemuel Holmes were appointed to Serve on the Petit Jury at the next Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace & Inferiour Court of Common pleas to be holden at Plimouth on the Second tuesday of Decembr Instant.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday the 9th day of March A D 1772 James Warren Esqr was Chosen Moderator & Sworn by Thos Foster Esqr.

Messrs John Waterman & William Chombie were Chosen to Serve on the Grand Jury the year Ensuing & Amaziah Churchell Joseph Barnes Samuel Doten & Josiah Johnson were Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury at the next Court of Generall Sessions of the peace & Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plimouth on the 2nd Tuesday of April next.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 16th of March Instant to 10 a clock A M.

[**284.**] At a Meeting of the town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday March 16th A D 1772 by Adjournment from the 9th Currant.

Ephraim Spooner Chosen Town Clerk & Sworn pr Thos Foster Esqr.

Mr. John Blackmer Deacn John Torrey James Warren Esqr Capt Elkanah Watson Ephraim Spooner were Chosen

Selectmen. The oath pr Law appointed was Administered to them pr Thomas Foster Esqr.

Mr John Blackmer John Cotton Esqr & Deacn John Torrey Were Chosen Assessors & were Sworn pr Esqr Foster

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Town Treasurer & Sworn pr Esqr Foster.

Then voted to have as many Schools & under the same Regulations as the last year & as agreeble to the Regulation come into Sept 27th 1756.

Then the votes for a County Treasurer were brought in & seald up in meeting by Mr. Bartlett Lebarron Constable, & Delivd to him.

Then made Choice of James Warren Esqr Deacn John Torrey & Capt Elkanah Watson A Committe to Supply the Grammer School with a Suteable Schoolmaster the Ensuing year

Stevens Mason Chosen Sexton

Messrs Silvanus Bartlett James Clark & Seth Holmes Chosen a Committe to Supply the School at Manument with a Suteable Schoolmaster

Messrs Josiah Morton Junr Ezekiel Morton & Capt. John Finney Chosen a Committe to supply the School at Eellriver with a Suteable Schoolmaster

Messrs Ichabod Holmes Nathaniel Morton Junr & Samuel Bartlett Chosen a Committe to Supply the School at Wellingsly with a Suteable Schoolmaster

Messrs Ebenezer Nellson Lemuel Jackson & Silas Morton Chosen a Committe to Supply the School at the North End of the town with a Suteable Schoolmaster

Then Voted to Allow the Collectors the presant year 12d on the pound for Collecting & paying in the Towns money on the Same Condition as the last year

Then voted to Choose a Committe to hire a Collector for the four northern districts as Cheep as may be over & above the premium of 12d on the pound above mentioned, he or they Giving bonds with Sufficient Suretys to Save the town harmless on their Accounts.

And Accordingly made Choice of Thomas Foster Esqr Deacn John Torrey & Mr Ephraim Cobb a Committee for that purpose they to report at the Adjournment of this meeting.

Then voted to Excuse Manument ponds from paying any part of the Sum that may be Given to hire a Collector or Collectors more than 12d on the pound

[285.] At said meeting John Bartlett Junr was Chosen Constable for Manument Ponds

Edward Winslow Junr Richard Cooper Ichabod Holmes Josiah Morton Junr Benjamin Rider Junr & Eleazer Ellis were Chosen Surveyors of the highways.

Then voted to Conduct respecting alewives in this town as last year & is as in the year 1766 Exceptg they now Chose a Committe viz Deacn John Torrey Mr Zacheus Curtis & Mr John Kempton Junr To See that the laws of the Province be put in Execution respecting the Town brook.

Allso Voted to allow the fishermen in this town liberty to take bate as they may need, under the Direction & at the discression of the abovesd Committe.

Then the Committee who were Chosen to take into Consideration the making a way for herrings to Go from Eellriven into South pond reported. And for reasons voted to Choose a Committee to take into Consideration the matter of the land thro which the brook may run, whose property it is & to Examine the laws of this Province respecting Alewives & the brooks through which they do or may run & to Examine the records, & all matters & things respecting said way. And then made Choice of John Cotton Esqr Thomas Foster Esqr Deacn John Torrey Mr Stephen Sampson & Mr. Jeremiah Howes a Committe for that purpose they to report to the town at the time this meeting shall be Adjourned to.

Then the Act respecting the Observation of the Lords day & the Choice & duty of Wardens was read after which

Messrs Stephen Samson James Doten William Trenholm Thomas Bartlett Elkanah Holmes Samuel Pearce were Chosen Wardens

Then Messrs James Drew Benjamin Churchell Stephen Churchell were Chosen Guagers of Cask & Packers of Fish.

Messrs Abiall Shurtleff Jonathan Samson & Capt Nathaniel Bartlett Were Chosen Tytheing men

Messrs William Rider & Thomas Spooner Were Chosen Sealers of Leather

[286.] At sd meeting Messrs Benjamin Churchell Francis Adams George Lemont John Totman William Coye

Jesse Churchell Levi Drew Nathaniel Churchell Junr Stevens Mason sworn pr Esqr Foster Phillip Leonard & Nathaniel Bartlett Junr Were Chosen Hogreeves.

Messrs John Russell & Samuel Cole Chosen Clerks of the Markit.

Messrs Ebenezr Samson Thomas Davis Amaziah Churchell Eleazer Churchell Robert Bartlett Lemuel Jackson Ichabod Holmes Samuel Bartlett & Thomas Southworth Howland Were Chosen Cullers of Fish

Messrs Ichabod Shaw Thomas Jackson Junr William Crombie Ezekiel Morton & James Clark Were Chosen fence viewers & field drivers

Messrs James Warren Esqr George Watson Esqr Deacn John Torrey Capt Elkanah Watson Ichabod Holmes & Zacheus Bartlett Were Chosen firewards

Messrs John Kempton David Lothrop David Turner Lemuel Drew & Abial Shurtleff were Chosen Surveyors of Lumber

Messrs Benjamin Churchell James Drew & Thomas Jackson Junr were Chosen Surveyors of Clapboards & Shingles & Viewers & Cullers of Staves & hoops

Messrs Isaac Jackson Joseph Trask & William Clarke Were Chosen Deere reeves

Messrs John Shareman Nathl Morton Junr & Josiah Morton Were Chosen to take Care of Plimo Beach Agreeble to Law.

[**287.**] At sd meeting Thomas Foster Esqr Deacn John Torrey & William Watson Esqr Were Chosen a Committe to Examine the Schollars that may be Admitted into the Grammer School

Then voted & Directed the Town Treasurer to lay before the town the State of the Treasury, what is Due from it on all Accounts, Bonds, Notes &c at the May Meeting Annually

Then the Petition of Edward Winslow Esqr & Nine others respecting the Towns building a work house was read & is as follows.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Plimouth
Gentlemen

We the Subscribers freeholders of the town of Plimouth Concieving Great Advantage would accrue to the town from a work house in it, under proper regulations, desire

you to Insert a clause in Your warrant for Calling the next town meeting so as to bring a matter of Such Consequence to the Interest of the town under their Proper Consideration & to Enable them to act & do in that respect what they may think Fitt.

Edward Winslow	Thomas Mayhew
Thomas Jackson	Jeremiah Howes
Wm Watson	Barnabas Hedge
Gideon White	Jonathan Diman
William Thomas	Isaac Lothrop

Plimouth ye 19th Febry A D 1772

And then voted to Choose a Committe to take into Consideration the above Petition & to Enquire what Expences & Advantages might Attend the Same and to Consider the whole matter fully, and then made Choice of

Capt Thomas Jackson	Pelham Winslow Esqr
Thomas Foster Esqr	Deacn John Torrey
James Warren Esqr	Capt Theophilus Cotton &

Mr Samuell Cole

a Committe for said Purposes

Then made Choice of Stephen Samson Surveyor of the highways in the room of Edward Winslow Junr who Desired to be Excused.

Then the meeting was adjourned to Tirdsday ye 19th day of March Instant to 3 a Clock P M.

[288.] At a Meeting of the town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Thursday ye 19th day of March 1772 by Adjournment from the 16th Currant. Voted to Choose a Committe to Petition the Court of Generall (Sessions) of the Peace for the County of Plimouth desiring they would repair their part of the Almes house & house of Correction in this town or that they would relinquish their Interest therein.

And then made Choice of Thomas Foster Esqr for that purpose.

Then voted that whereas this Town being indebted to Doctr Nathaniel Lothrop Eighty pounds Lawfull money did at their meeting in May Anno: Domini 1763 vote to allow him Interest for sd Sum from the 1st day of January 1763 till it should be paid. And he not haveing Received more than one years Interest, Therefore from this time he shall

have Interest on all that is now due both principal & Interest till it is paid.

Then voted that the Selectmen Shall agree with some person or persons to build an Engine for weighing loaded Carts of hay &c to be set up on the town land neere Capt Thomas Nicholsons, on such part of sd land as the Selectmen Shall direct at the Expense of him or them that Shall build & Sett up the same the owner of sd Engine shall have so much & no more for Weighing a lood as the Selectmen Shall agree to & receive his pay of the owner of sd hay &c.

Then the Committee who were appointed to hire a Collector for the presant year reported they had hired Mr Bartlett Lebarron *to be sd Collector & agreed to Give him forty Shillings Lawfull money more than 12d on the pound he Complying with the Conditions voted at this meeting ye 16th Currant. Said Lebarron appeard in meeting & declared his acceptance of sd office on sd Conditions. Then the town voted said Lebarron sd sum on ye Condition abovesd.

Then made Choice of Mr Bartlett Lebarron sd Constable who was sworn by Thomas Foster Esqr.

Then voted that the Selectmen Shall agreeble to law appoint Suitable persons to be Sealers of Wood in this town.

At sd meeting it was Sayd that Mr William Trenholm who was Chosen a Warden refusd to Serve, a vote was Called to Know if the town would Excuse him from serving in said office it passed in ye Affirmative.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday the 6th of Aprill next to 3 a clock P M.

[289.] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 6th day of April Anno Domini 1772 by Adjournment from the 19th past.

Voted & Allowd the Sexton Eight pounds for his Sallery for the Currant year.

The Committe that were Chosen to Examine the Records &c respecting a way for herrings to Go from Eellriver to South pond not being able to report to this meeting, voted that they be directed to report at the adjournment of this meeting.

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* Bartlett LeBaron was a son of Dr. Lazarus LeBaron of Plymouth, where he was born in 1739, and died in 1806. He graduated at Harvard in 1756.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 13th of April to 5 a Clock P M.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled & held at the Court House in Plimouth on Monday the 13th day of April Anno Domini 1772 by Adjournment from the 6th day of April Current

And Mr. Ephraim Spooner the Town Clerk being absent the Town made Choice of John Torrey for Town Clerk for this present meeting; who was sworn by Thomas Foster Esqr.

At said meeting the report of the Committe chosen in Octr last to take into Consideration the makeing a way for herrings to Go from Eellriver into South pond was red which was in the words following viz:

The Committe appointed by the town at this meeting in Octobr 1771 to take a view of South pond and the Passage from thence to the brook that leads from Finneys meadow Into Eellriver & report their opinion, whether their may not a Convenient Passage or brook be made to run from said pond into Eellriver for the alewives to pass up said Eellriver into sd South pond, to cast their spawn.

The Major part of said Committe have attended that service & a number of People being Desirous of making a tryall offerd their service to labour part of a Day upon free cost. And did stop the water and dug a passage 30 or 40 rods long, & in oppening a passage found verry considerable brook run down Quit large enough for alewives to pass, and are Informed a verry considerable brook runs ever since, tho we do not apprehend that wat is dug already is sufficient, yet your Committe are of opinion that a sufficiant passage may be made with not more than twenty pounds Cost, to make a sufficiant brook for the Alewives to pass or go up out of Eellriver, into sd pond to Cast their spawn.

And Further your Committe on the best Information find that number of Alewives Annually come up the Eellriver, and Doubtless if their was a Good passage dug would go up the said river & brook into sd pond to Cast their spawn, and we are of the mind that their is the Gratest probability, if the affair be well managed the brook, would soon be verry profitable to the town, All which is submitted.

Plimouth May 16th 1772

Ichabod Holmes	Stephen Samson
Thomas Foster	Lemuel Jackson

Then the town Voted to accept the above report

[290.] At said meeting, the report of the Committe chosen in March last to take into Consideration the matter of the land through which the brook may run from south pond to Eellriver, whose property it is, & to examine the laws of this province respecting alewives, and the brooks through which they do, or may run & to examine the records & all matters & things Respectg said way was red & is in the words following viz:

We the subscribers being appointed a committe as by the within vote of the town; have attended that service, & find that in the year 1704, when the town settled the Propriety *their was a reserve made of all the lands that were before appropriated to any particular use. And your Committe allso find that in the year 1701 there was a reserve made of three rods of land on each side of the water Course Issuing out of the Great South pond into the brook that runeth through Finneys meadows into Eellriver, to severall persons that undertook to make a passage for the Alewives to pass up into South pond, which work being never accomplished, Your Committe are of the opinion said land still belongs to the Town in Consequence of the above reserve, so that the town has power still to make use of it for such purposes as they shall Judge best. And Therefore your Committe think best for the town to proceed to act agreeable to the report of ye former Committe, and that a Committe be now chosen to proceed as soon as possible to make a convenient way for Alewives to pass up from Eellriver into said pond & to agree with the owners if any such their be of lands that have any Grants of land, prior to the aforementioned Reserve, as allso to make a sufficient way for the Alewives to pass up thro Eellriver Gristmill dam & to agree with the owners of said Mill about Cutting said way through the dam. All which is Submitted.

John Cotton
Thomas Foster
John Torrey
& Stephen Samson.

Then the town voted to accept the sd Report. And accordingly made choice of

* A partial examination of the records leads the editor to doubt whether this reservation was ever sold by the town.

Thomas Foster Esqr
John Torrey
Stephen Samson
William Warren &
Ichabod Holmes

a committe for the purposes abovesd.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth regularly assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday May 11th A D 1772. James Warren Esqr was chosen moderator & sworn pr Thomas Mayhew Esqr.

Then made choice of Messrs Jonathan Diman, Thomas Jackson & Thomas Mathews To serve on the Grand Jury and Messrs Nathaniel Morton Junr, Joseph Silvester, William Crombie, Deacn Joseph Bartlett, John Russell & John Blackmer were appointed to serve on the petit Jury, All at the next Superiour Court of Judicature, Court of Assize &c, to be holden at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimouth, on the third tuesday of May Instant.

[**291.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday the 18th day of May A D 1772.

A vote was Called to know if the town would choose two Representatives for the presant year & they both to draw the pay of but one. It passed in the Affirmative.

And then made choice of James Warren Esq & Mr. Isaac Lothrop to serve for & Represent them at the Great and Generall Court or Assembly of this Province to be Convend & held at Cambridge upon the last Wednesday of this Instant May upon the Conditions abovesd.

Then made choice of James Warren Esqr Moderator of this meeting, he desired to be Excused from serving & accordingly he was Excused. Then the Town made choice of Deacn John Torrey who was sworn pr Esqr Cotton.

Then voted to choose a Committe to Examine the records respecting the rodes & streets in this town & see what of them are laid out & on record & what are not & to report to the town at the next town meeting. Accordingly made choice of the Selectmen for that purpose.

Then voted to choose a Committe to Enquire whether the town have power to dispose of any part of ye lands Called

the Sheep pasture & to report to the town at the next town meeting. Accordingly made choice of

John Cotton Esqr
James Warren Esqr &
Mr. Isaac Lothrop

a committe for that purpose.

Then voted to continue the Consideration of the Petition of John Kempton Junr for a Grant of a part of the sheep pasture so called untill the next town meeting.

Then voted to accept the report of the Committe appointed to prepare a bill to regulate the powder house in this town & the lodging therein the powder that may be in this town in time to come viz:

Plymouth in the County of Plimouth. At a town meeting legally warned & held at Plimouth May 18th A D 1772 the following order or by Law for regulateing the powder house in said Plimouth & obliging the traders & other Inhabitants of said Town to store their powder in said house was voted.

Whereas said Town of Plimouth for the better secureing & preserving the towns stock of gun powder & preventing casualtys befalling the same, have built a powder house for the reception thereof & have lodged the towns stock of powder therein.

And the town considering the Eminent hazard the town is in by the Inhabitants & traders keeping their Gunpowder in their dwelling shop, or store houses with other Goods & Merchantdize which said powder house is sufficiantly large to receive all the Gunpowder that traders or other persons may Import or have occasion to store in their dwelling houses, shops or warehouses—Wherefore for the better securety of the Inhabitants & safety of the town, the town at sd meeting ordered & voted that for the future no trader, or Importer in said

[**292.**] Town of any Gunpowder or any other Inhabitant be allowed to store any gunpowder in any dwelling house, warehouse or shop, or keep the same in any vessell at any of the wharfs in said Town, but all such powder Imported or brought into the town shall be lodged in the town powder house within twenty four hours after its brought into the town.

And every trader or other person that shall after this or-

der, act or by law, shall be confirmed by the sessions presume to keep any Gunpowder in his Dwelling house, warehouse, Shop or store or vessell at any of the wharfs more than twenty four hours, before the same is lodged in sd powder house, shall forfit & pay to & for the use of the Poor of said Town the sum of twenty shillings for each & every such offence, to be recovered by action brought before any Court proper to try the same against such person or persons that shall refuse to lodge their powder in said powder house, such action or actions to be brought by the treasurer of the town of Plimouth for the time being, who is hereby fully Inpowered to sue for & recover the same; and if the town treasurer shall neglect to prosecute such persons or do not comply with this order or by law, he shall pay the sum of twenty shillings for every such neglect, to be recovered by an action brought against him by the selectmen of the town, said forfiture also to be for the use of the poor of said town of Plimouth.

Saveing nevertheless that any trader may have liberty to keep in his shop or store a Quantity not exceeding 50lb for trade, or retailing & every house keeper, so much as the law requires for a stock for himself & Sons & servants above sixteen years of age, and others for fowling & hunting a Quantity not Exceeding twenty pounds. And it is further ordered & voted that for all Gunpowder that shall be lodged in said powder house by Importers, traders & private persons, their shall be paid to the keeper of said house by such person or persons twelve pence per barrell, at the receipt thereof, and six pence for a half barrell, & four pence per barrell a month & two pence a half barrell for every month after the first month dureing its lying in said Powder house, out of which the charges of the Keepers looking after said house shall be paid, as allso for his trouble in taking care of said powder, if said sum be sufficient. The Selectmen of the town for the time being allways to appoint the keeper, and allso to Give orders from time to time for regulateing the house & preserving the powder put in the same, either by the town or particular persons. And the keeper of such house shall duly attend on such persons as bring their powder to said powder house, to receive & secure, as allso to Diliver the same agreeable to this Act, and to keep an Exact account allso of all money received for storeage, & to render their accounts to the selectmen once a year or oftener if re-

quired, and if in the Judgment of the Selectmen, the money received for storeage is not a sufficiant reward for the keepers trouble, they are to make him such further Allowance, as they shall think reasonable, which is to be paid out of the town treasury. The Selectmen to render their accounts

[**293.**] Annually to the town of the charge of repairing & looking after said house & of the Income of the same.

This order or by law to be in force till the town shall repeal or alter the same. Then made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr to present this order or by law to the Next Court of Generall Sessions of the peace to be holden at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimouth on the first tuesday of July next for their approbation & allowance.

Then voted to choose a committe to sell the land that Eleazer Churchell secured to this town for the payment of his debt to the town, they to apply to Mr. Churchill first & see if he hath found a purchaser & if no purchaser appear, then they to sell sd land at Publick vendue, after suteable publick Notice Given of such sail, & then made choice of Mr. Ephraim Cobb, Thomas Foster Esqr & Mr. Stephen Samson a Committe for that purpose.

Then made choice of James Warren Esqr & Mr. Isaac Lothrop our two representatives as Agents to prefer a petition to the Generall Court praying them to enable this town to recover the money due to the town from the County of Barnestable for the repairs of Eellriver bridge.

Then a vote was Called to know if the town would Give their representatives any Instructions at this time, it passed in the Negative.

Then Capt. Thomas Jackson chairman of the Committe chosen at last March meeting to take into Consideration the expense &c of building a work house & to report to the town at this meeting, Informed the town that for reasons they were not ready to Report at this time. Then voted that said committe be directed to report to the next town meeting.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Plimouth & Wareham having this day perambulated the line & renewed the bounds between the town of Plimouth & the town of Wareham, have agreed upon the following bounds viz: beginning at the brook Called red brook & so runing up ye said brook to the head thereof, And so to the meadow lying some space

above the head of said brook Called Bartletts Marsh, and so bounded by said meadow on the easterly side thereof, so as to Include the whole of said meadow within the township of Wareham, to a large pine tree mark PxW at the head of said meadow, & from said tree, north a little easterly by a range of marked trees, neere a Quater of a mile to a Great pond Called White Island pond, a large pine tree old marked & now new marked PxW is in the said range standing neere the pond, & from said range where it cometh to the pond on a strait course by a range of marked trees to two pine trees standing close

[294.] together, Each marked on four sides & the southermost one with P on the north side, & W on the south side, which trees stand by the side of a swamp, where it parteth & one part goeth neere East & the other part to the northward which place is two miles & a half from the Westerly bounds of the first tract of land purchased of the Indians by the town of Plimouth & sold to the proprietors of Agawam & beareth from said bounds N E & by north the course from said pond to said trees being by the best estemation we could make West one degree Northerly.

In Wittness whereof we have hereunto sett our hands this Eighth day of May Anno Domini 1772.

John Torrey, John Blackmer, Elkanah Watson, Ephrm Spooner selectmen of Plimouth.

Ebenezr Briggs, Noah Ferring, John Gibbs selectmen of Wareham.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth regularly Assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 29th day of June A D 1772 Messrs Benjamin Rider Junr & Samuel Harlow were chosen to serve on the Petit Jury at the Next Court of Generall sessions of the peace & Inferiour Court of Common pleas, to be holden at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimouth on the first tuesday of July Next.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth regularly Assembled and held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 28th day of Septembr A D 1772 Messrs Joseph Bartlett Junr & Samuel Jackson were chosen to serve on the Petit Jury at the Next Court of Generall Sessions of the peace & Inferiour Court of Common Please to be holden at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimouth on the first tuesday of Octobr Next.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth regularly assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 19th day of Octobr A D 1772, James Warren Esqr was chosen Moderator & sworn pr John Cotton Esqr. Then the report of the Committe chosen to take into Consideration the towns building a work house was read is in the words following viz:

The sd Committe having met & Considered the matter to them Committed beg leave to report, as their opinion that the expence of building a work house to answer the purposes of the town, will amount to about five hundred pounds, Exclusive of the land, that the advantages of such a house to the town will arrise both from saving an expence & from rectifieing the Iregulartys that proceed from Idleness & vice, & that they are of the opinion, upon a Consideration of the whole matter, Notwithstanding the expence will be Great to the town, that it will be Advantageous to the town, & Therefore best

[**295.**] that they should build such a House.

Thomas Jackson pr order.

Then voted the Consideration of building a work house be put of to the Adjournment of this meeting.

Then Voted that the Selectmen shall send those persons to the Almshouse that are now supported by the town, or may apply for support of the town hereafter, Excepting such persons as they think it best should be supported otherways.

Then voted to choose a Committe of three persons to Enquire what Incroachment is made on the towns land, neere the two springs, as in ye Warrent viz, that below the house Walter Rich lives in & that peace below the school house in Willingsley & accordingly Chose Deacn John Torrey, Thomas Foster Esqr & Capt Thomas Jackson for that purpose; they to report to the town at the Adjournment of this meeting.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 9th day of Novembr next to three of the Clock p. m.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth ye 9th day of Novr 1772 by Adjournment from the 19th of Octobr last.

Voted not to take into Consideration the affair of building a work house at this meeting & voted to put of the Consideration of sd affair to next March meeting.

Then voted & raised the sum of three hundred & thirty

pounds for defreying the necessary charges of the Currant year.

Allso voted the Assessors shall not lett the Surplussage of the tax exceed twenty pounds. Then voted & directed the selectmen to Get a new bell for the school house, the old one being broak.

Then Voted not to prosecute the relations of those poor persons that this town hath been at expence to support in time past.

Then voted that the Committe appointed to view the two peaces of land above the two springs as mentioned at first holding this meeting be directed to report to the town at the next March meeting.

Then voted to allow Nehemiah Ripley four pounds seven shillings & ten pence, And to the heirs of Mr. William Rider Deceasd twenty one shillings & two pence, being so much expended by said Ripley & Rider in prosecuting Sundry persons for catching herrings in the town brook contrary to law in years past, they then being of the committe for taking care of said brook. Then voted the Selectmen shall report to the town respecting the streets & rodes in this town at next March meeting.

[**296.**] At sd meeting the town Treasurer laid before the Town the state of the Treasury which is as follows viz.

A list of bonds due to the town of Plimouth Octobr 1772.

Deacon Bartlett & Robert Bartlett March 4 1756	20	10	0	1	4	7½
David Turner & John Harlow Febry 26 1746	13	9	4	0	16	2
Deacn Torrey & Nathl Torrey July 24 1750	4	16	0	0	0	0
David Turner & Silvs Bartlett Octor 12 1761	29	4	0	3	10	1
John Finney & Nathl Warren's Feby 20 1753	6	7	0	1	3	0
Ebenz Donahm & John Dunham Apr 25 1753	2	9	0	0	0	0
Elkanah Watson & Perez tilson Apr 10 1753	15	1	4	7	4	8
Edward Winslow's & Gideon White Sep 10 1757	60	15	8	0	0	0
Coll Warren & Nathl Goodwin Novr 15 1757	6	17	9½	0	0	0
Eleaser Churchill & Josiah Churchill Apr 28 1759 with a Mortgage	20	0	0	4	16	0
Elka Watson & Thos Spooner Sepr 11 1758	9	9	4	1	2	8
Josiah Morton & Seth Morton January 1 1762	15	5	8	0	18	4
Jeremiah Holmes & Wm Holmes Augt 2 1769	5	1	8	0	18	3¾
Silas Morton & Ebenr Nelson May 30 1770	66	13	4	8	0	0

Daniel Diman & Andr Croswell Octor 8 1770	13	6	8	0	16	0
Ezra Burbank & Stephen Churchill July 21 1771	17	10	0	1	1	1½
Thos Davis & Ephm Spooner May 30 1772	32	0	0	0	0	0
Zacchs Barnes & Nathl Barnes Sep 25 1772	7	11	4	0	0	0
Nehemiah Ripley & Leml Jackson Aug 25 1772	10	14	0	0	0	0
Thos Fosters Esqr note May 9 1757	2	16	1½	0	0	0
Abner Holmes Nichols & Ebenr Nelson July 6 1761	3	2	0	0	14	10
Solomon Bartletts Mortgage Aug 3 1767	10	12	0	1	17	3¾
	£373	12	3	34	3	1½
Deduct Capt Watsons & Tilsons Intrest				7	4	8
				26	18	5½

There are also Perez Tillson & Gershom Holmes Bond where both principal & sureties fail.

Dr the town of Plimouth to John Cotton.

Paid out since Novr 1 1770 when the accounts where settled by A Comitte as appears by Book & Receipts

Commissions for this sum				19	15	3
What is outstanding in the Constables hands:						
1752 Jonathn Darling	7	7	3			
1753 George Holmes	13	2	4¾			
1766 Jeremh Holmes	28	18	8			
1767 Jeremiah Holmes	21	17	10½			
Zacchs Barnes	8	10	11½			
1768 Richard Cooper	5	8	4½			
Seth Washburn	6	6	1			
1769 Robert Finney	2	2	6½			
Seth Holmes	4	5	2½			
1770 Benjn Warren	99	13	1			
Josiah Clark	4	1	9¼			
1771 Benjn Warren	115	5	8¼			
Bartlett Lebaron	119	3	3¾			
John Cornish	14	5	2½	450	8	5¼
				£1260	12	7
Town of Plimouth Cr on Book				1251	1	9¾
Ballance Due				9	10	9¼
[297] Septr 10 Joseph Trasks order				0	12	2
July 11 Eleazer Stevens order				5	9	7½
Feby 18 Elisha Morton order				1	11	9
Josiah Clark keeping school				8	0	0
March Coll Warrens order about				12	0	0
1771 Dr. Thomas's 2 orders				4	8	0
1772 Sepr Jeremiah Holmes order				0	6	0
John Watsons order				0	4	0

Capt Thomas Jacksons order	0	10	0
Capt Theops Cottons order	0	15	7½
Elijah Damans order	1	4	0
School House Porch order	5	0	2
Widdow Sarah Dow's order	2	2	8
Jonathan Kings 2 orders	8	2	5
Elisha Corbin orders	1	5	7
Deacn Torrey's orders	2	12	2
Pelham Winslow Esq order	0	13	4
Octor 9 Ebenr Bartlett order	0	8	0
Joseph Bartlett Junr order	1	6	0
Nathl Lothrop order &c	120	0	0
	176	11	8½
Due to me for Commissions & other ways	10	5	0
Passage for Alewives at Ealriver	20	0	0
Prosecution of Barnstable	12	0	0
Due for Capt Wait & wifes board 4 months from June 18	10	4	0
Allow for orders not bro't in	8	0	0
Other Dues from the town for which orders not yet Given in	20	0	0
	257	0	8
Jeremiah Holmes Commissions for 1766	23	1	1½
Ditto Comissions for 1767	7	12	10½
Zaccheus Barnes Commissions	4	14	7
Seth Washburn's Comissions	1	2	6
Richd Coopers Comissions for 1768	4	7	5¾
Robert Finney's Comissions for	1	19	10½
Seth Holmes Commissions	2	18	4¼
Benja Warrens Comissions	21	17	8½
Additional Premiums	11	9	0
Josiah Clark Comissions	2	18	6½
Benja Warren Comissions	9	19	9
Bartlett Lebaron Comissions	12	15	6¼
Additional Premium	11	10	0
John Cornish commissions	2	19	6½
Allow for Abatements in the above Constables bill	35	0	0
Desperate debts from 2 Constables viz Jonathan Darling	7	7	3
George Holmes	13	2	2¾
	£431	17	1¾

At said meeting James Warren Esqr, one of the Committe chosen in May last to Enquire whether this town hath power to dispose of any part of the land Called the sheep pasture Part of which land since the originall Grants falls within the bounds of some other towns that were sett off from this town since sd Grant Reported that he had made Dilligent Enquery in that affair & find by the Best advise he could have viz of James Otis Esqr of Boston & John Adams Esqr & it is their opinion that sd land belongs the whole of it to this Town.

[**298.**] At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled and held in the Court house in Plimouth on tuesday ye 24th November Anno Domini 1772.

Thomas Mayhew Esqr chosen Moderator & sworn pr the Town Clerk no Justice being in the meeting.

Then the Petition of Mr. Thomas Jackson & one hundred other Inhabitants of the town of Plimouth was red & is in the words following.

To the Selectmen of the town of Plimouth.

Gentlemen

We the subscribers freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Plimouth deeply Impressed with a sense of the unhappy situation this country is reduced to by the violation of our rights and the repeated attacks made upon our constitutions and feeling that concern and Indignation which should animate every Honest Breast on recollecting the once Happy circumstances of this country & now in Constant viewing the present state of it where we are deprived of the rights of Nature and a Constitution purchased with the blood of our ancestors and the fair inheritance transmited us by them is become the prey of Vultures & Harpies who rest on the spoil of it alarmd as we have been from time to time with taxation without our consent with extention of Admiralty Jurisdictions with the Quartering of soldiers here & the Lawless Insolence & murders they Have Comitted and been supported in with the taking from us the defence of our Capitol against a foreign enemy and Garrisoning it with regular troops in whom we can place no confidence with the contemptuous & unconstitutional treatment of our General Court from time to time and with many other Grievances from the memorable era of the Stamp Act down to the Independence of a Governor, we have nevertheless pleasd ourselves with some Hopes that Justice or Common sence might one day take place in the Administration and releive us from our Dificulties before the System of Slavery was fully compleated. But the last step taken by administration by providing salaries for the Judges of the Superior Court has left us without any expectations of that kind by fixing the last seal to the Despotism they Have so Long endeavoured to Establish here. We therefore Have reason to Consider our situation as very Dangerous if not Desperate and such as requiries the united attention and wisdom of the whole to pre-

vent being irretrievably fixed on us & our posterity. We therefore Desire you to Call a town meeting as soon as Conveniently may be that the Inhabitants of this town may unitedly take this matter into consideration and pursue

[299. Such steps as may be proper on such an occasion and at such a Day as this is.
Plimouth November 13 1772

Thomas Jackson
Benja Rider ye 3rd
Thos Lewis
Leml Drew
Nathl Lewis
Ebenzr Churchell
Thomas Mayhew
Zephaniah Holmes
Nehemiah Ripley
Ebenezer Churchell ye 3rd
John Cotton
Wm. Thomas
Wm Crombie
Wm. Watson
Zaccheus Curtis
Jona Diman
John Howland
Stephn Samson
Thos Matthews
Thos Lothrop
Thos Nicolson
Wm Hall Jackson
Daniel Diman
Saml Pearse
Ebenz Robins
Saml Cole
Jas Waterman
Simeon Samson
Caleb Rider
Andrw Croswell
Osborn Morton
Barnabas Hedge
Benja Warren
John Holmes
Robert Brown Junr
Thos Southth Howland
John Goddard
John Thomas Junr
Joshua Thomas
Josiah Morton
Benja Drew
Thos Mayhew Junr
James Doten Junr
John Bishop
Jonathn Morton
Bartlett Lebaron
Nicholas Drew Junr
Thos Wethrell
John Harlow Junr
Lazs Lebaron
Jesse Harlow
Isaac Doten
Stephn Churchill
Isaac Symmes
Nathl Washburn
Saml Ellis
Nathan Bacon
George Dunham
Wm Bartlett Junr
James Drew
Wm Rider
Wm Lebaron
Joseph Holmes
Saml Jackson
Joseph Barnes
Ephrm Cobb
John Allen
George Attwood
Thos Jackson Junr
John Kempton

Nathl Jackson
Ebenr Harlow
Nathl Torrey
Nathl Goodwin
Saml Bartlett Junr
Abiel Shurtleff
Abm Tisdale
Lazs Lebaron Junr
George Holmes
Richard Holmes Junr
Nathl Rider
Saml Nicolas Nelson
Jobb Cobb
Job Rider
John Fuller
Silas Morton
William Weston
Theophilus Cotton
Thos Doten
Charles Dyer
Nathl Carver
Ebenz Nelson
John Bartlett 3rd
Joseph Ryder
Jeremiah Howes
Silvanus Holmes Junr
Thos Spooner
Joseph Trask
Nehemiah Ripley Junr
John Washburn

At said meeting voted to choose two Committes as below viz:

Ist a committe be chosen to report to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting, what it is best for the town to do & to report a Draft of such votes on resolves as they may think it best for them to come into & accordingly made choice of

James Warren Esqr,
John Cotton Esqr
Thomas Mayhew Esqr
Deacon John Torrey
William Watson Esqr
Mr. Nathl Torrey &

Mr. Thomas Lothrop for that purpose.

2nd A Standing Committe of Communication & Correspondance be chosen freely from time to time to communicate & Correspond with the town of Boston and any other town on the subject of our presant Difficulties & of the measures proper to be taken upon the occasion they to apply to the Selectmen to Call a town meeting upon any emergency to Consider of any Intelligence of Importance they may have Received & to act & Do what further they may then think proper. And then made choice of James Warren Esqr, Deacn John Torrey, Capt Elkanah Watson, William Watson Esqr, Mr. Thomas Lothrop, Mr. Isaac Lothrop, Mr. Nathl Torrey & Thomas Mayhew Esqr For that purpose.

[**300.**] At sd meeting Messrs Joseph Trask Samuel El-

lis, Jeremiah Holmes & Andrew Croswell were chosen to serve on the Petit Jury at the next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas &c to be holden at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimouth on the second tuesday of Decembr next.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 14th Decembr next to 2 a clock p. m.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth regularly Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth, on Monday ye 14th day of Decembr A D 1772 by Adjournment from the 24th of November last.

Voted that the letter &c from the town of Boston to the Selectmen of this town be read, which was done. And then the Committe who were chosen by the town at their meeting on the 24th of November last to Consider what is best for the town to do, & to report a Draft of such votes or resolves as they many think it best for them to come into, Reported in the words following viz:

The Impatiance and Indignation natural to the oppressed, the Horror & resentment natural to freemen, who know the value of their rights & see them not only repeatedly attacked, but torn from them with every mark of Insult, as well as Injustice, the pain natural to the virtuous & vigilant who see the coldness & Indifferance of some & the Prostitution & servillety of others, who Inherit with them the prise & reward of the Sufferings & blood of their Fathers, have more than once called the united attention of the Inhabitants of the town of Plimouth to a Consideration of the unhappy circumstances of their country, but never upon an occasion more alarming than the present, when to every other species of Injustice & Insult to every other stride of Despotism & Tryanny, is added as we hear & have abundant reason to believe, a provision made for the support of the Judges of the Superiour Court of this Province, in a way different from the usuall & constitutional method by the free Grants of the people, which has a Tendency to Poison the Fountain of Justice, upon the purity of which & the streams that Issue from them, depend the happiness & peace of a Society; & also to compleat the system of Despotism by Exposing the lives & properties of this Great people, to the mercy & decisions of men who are not only Independant of them for their appointment, continuance in office & support, but dependant in effect for the first & absolutely & intirely for the

two last, upon those who distinguish & seperate their Interest from ours, & who for severall years, have been so far from Discovering any one Instance of regard for our wellfare & happiness, that they are the source from whence we derive all our difficulties & Grievances & who in this verry Instance discover a partiality by no means to be Justifyd by placeing the Judges Here upon a footing very Differant from that of the Judges in England, & which as the

[**301.**] Doctrine of Instruction is now managed & executed may open a door for appointment to the Supream seat of Justice here, strangers whose extravagance & debaucherys may drive them from their native land, and whose rapacity & Injustice in that station may be in proportion to their Poverty & Wickedness upon an Occasion. Therefore so dangerous & Important in its nature & consequences The Inhabitants of this Town in Town meeting assembled Influenced by a sense of the obligations they are under to God & their own consciences, as well as to Posterity, to do every thing in our power to Preserve entire our rights, and at least to bear our Testimony against all Invasions of them, do now to avoid the reproaches of our Consciences & the Execrations of Posterity. Resolve.

1 That the People in this Province are Intitled to all the rights that the people of Great Brittain can Claim by nature & their Constitution.

2 That the rights they are intitled to have been violently & most Injuriously Infracted by the Parliament of Great Brittain, and the Administration of Government there and their tools here in many Instances, which having been formerly mentioned on like occasions & lastly by the Boston Committe under the head of Infringments & violation of rights & published & sent to this & the other towns in the province render it unnecessary to desend to particulars.

3. That the providing of the support of the Judges of the Superiour Court of this Province in any other manner than by the free Grants of the people, is an Infraction of the highest nature & tends of itself (and more especially in conjunction with the Independancy of the Governor on the people here for his support & the Influence of Instruction) to destroy every idea of a free Government; and to erect as perfect a system of Despotism in this Province as ever took place in any country.

4. That our Representatives be & hereby, are Instructed to unite in such measures as shall place the Judges of the Supream Court of Justice of this Province upon a Constitutional Basis & make when that is done a suitable Provision for their support.

5. That in the opinion of this town the United thanks and Gratefull acknowledgments of every Individual who is a friend to the Constitution of this country & the Intrest of posterity is due to the Vigilance & spirit of the Inhabitants of the town of Boston upon this & many other occasions.

6. That this report is put upon the Records of this Town there to stand as a Publick monument of the sense the Inhabitants have of their rights and of their Determination at all times as occasion & opportunity may offer assert Vindicate & suport them

Plimouth ye 14th Decembr 1772

William Watson	Thomas Mayhew
James Warren	Nathaniel Torrey
Thomas Lothrop	John Cotton

John Torrey

[**302.**] At said meeting a vote was Called to know if the town would accept the foregoing report it passed in the affirmative unanimously in a full Town meeting .

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth regularly Assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday the 8th day of March Anno Domini 1773.

James Warren Esqr chosen Moderator & sworn pr John Cotton Esqr, Ephraim Spooner chosen Town Clerk & sworn pr Thomas Foster Esqr.

Deacn John Torrey, George Watson Esqr, Capt. Zacheus Bartlett, Mr. Nathaniel Morton Junr, & Ephraim Spooner were chosen Selectmen & the oath respecting the neighbouring Governments money was Administered to them pr Thomas Foster Esqr.

John Cotton Esqr, Deacn John Torrey & Mr. John Blackmer were chosen Assessors & sworn pr Thomas Foster Esqr.

John Cotton Esqr was chosen town Treasurer & sworn pr Esqr Foster.

Then the votes for a County Treasurer were brought in & sealed up in town meeting by Bartlett Lebaron Constable & committed to him. Then voted to have as many schools kept in the town this year as the last (see Folio page 155th)

And added one month Annually to three of the schools at the Ends of the town viz: one month to Manument ponds, one month to Eellriver & one month to the north End of the town then made choice of

James Warren Esqr, Deacn John Torrey & Capt Elkanah Watson a Committe to supply the Grammer school with a suteable schoolmaster.

& Messrs Silvanus Bartlett, James Clark & Seth Holmes chosen a Committe to supply the school at Manument ponds with a suteable schoolmaster.

& Messrs Josiah Morton Junr, Ezekiel Morton & Capt John Finney chosen a committe to supply the school at Eellriver with a suteable schoolmaster.

& Messrs Ichabod Holmes, Nathaniel Morton Junr, & Samuel Bartlett chosen a committe to supply the school at Willingsley with a suteable schoolmaster.

& Messrs Theophilus Cotton, Lemuel Jackson, & Ebenezr Nellson chosen a committe to supply the school at North End of the town.

[**303.**] At said meeting Voted to choose a Committe to go to Eellriver & manument ponds & view the neighbourhoods in each place & fix the place or places that the schoolhouses shall stand, at each place in neighborhood.

And accordingly made choice of Mr. Ephraim Cobb, Deacn John Torrey & Thomas Foster Esqr to be sd Committe.

Then voted to allow the Constables twelve pence on the pound for Collectg & paying in the towns money on the same conditions as the last year.

Then voted to choose a Committe to hire a Collector for the four northern districts of Collectors in this town & accordingly made choice of Deacn John Torrey, Thomas Foster Esqr & Capt Theophilus Cotton a Committe for that purpose they to report to the town at the Adjournment of this meeting.

Then voted to excuse Manument ponds from paying any part of the Extraordinary premium Given the Collector.

Seth Mendall was chosen Constable for Manument ponds.

Messrs Lemuel Jackson, Elkanah Cushman, Joseph Bartlett Junr, Jeremiah Holmes, Joseph Sylvester & Joseph Bates were chosen surveyors of the Highways.

Then voted a Committe be chosen to Consider what

method the town shall come into respecting repareing the highways in this town for the future, & to report what they think best for the town to do in that affair, at the next May meeting, and accordingly made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr, Capt. Theophilus Cotton, William Watson Esqr, Pelham Winslow Esqr & Deacn John Torrey a Committe for that purpose.

Then voted to conduct respecting alewives this year in the severall brooks in this town as the last year & then made choice of Deacn John Torrey, Mr. Zacheus Curtis & Mr. John Kempton Junr a Committe to take care of the town brook so called & see that the law of this province respecting it be put in execution.

Then the Act respecting the observation of the Lords day & the choice of Wardens & their duty was read after which Messrs Joshua Swift, Thomas Morton, Nathaniel Barnes, Lemuel Drew, Seth Holmes & Benja Rider ye 3rd were chosen wardens.

Stevens Mason was chosen sexton.

[**304.**] At said meeting

Messrs James Drew, Benjamin Churchell, & Stephen Churchill were chosen Guagers of Casks & Packers of Fish.

Messrs John Cooper, Abraham Howland & James Clark were chosen Tytheingmen.

Messrs Benjamin Drew, & Thomas Spooner were chosen sealers of leather.

& Levi Drew, Ellis Churchill, Benjamin Barnes, Samuel Morton, Stevens Mason, William Coye, Solomon Holmes, Phillip Leonard, & Joseph Trask were chosen Hogreeves.

& Messrs Samuel Cole, & John Russell were chosen Clerks of the Markit.

Messrs Ebenzr Samson, Robert Bartlett, Thomas Davie, Lemuel Jackson, Amaziah Churchill, Ichabod Holmes, Eleazer Churchill, Samuel Bartlett & Thomas Southworth Howland were chosen Cullers of Fish.

Messrs Ichabod Shaw, Thomas Jackson Junr, William Crombie, Ezekiel Morton & James Clark were chosen fence viewers & field Drivers.

Messrs James Warren Esqr, George Watson Esqr, John Torrey, Elkanah Watson, Ichabod Holmes & Zacheus Bartlett were chosen firewards.

Messrs John Kempton, David Lothrop, David Turner,

Lemuel Drew & Abial Shurtleff were chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

Messrs Benjamin Churchill, James Drew & Thomas Jackson Junr were chosen Surveyors of Clapboards & Shingles & Viewers & Cullers of Staves & Hoops.

Messrs Isaac Jackson, Joseph Trask & William Clarke were chosen Deere reeves.

[**305.**] At said meeting Messrs John Shareman, Nathaniel Morton Junr & Josiah Morton were chosen to take care of Plimo beach according to Law.

Messrs Thomas Foster Esqr, John Torrey & William Watson Esqr were chosen to examine the schoolers that may be admitted into the Grammer school.

Then voted to allow the sexton eight pounds Lawfull money for his sallery the Currant year.

Then this meeting was adjourned to next Monday ye 15th Currant to 2 a clock p. m.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday the 15th day of March Anno Domini 1773 by Adjournment from the 8th currant.

At said meeting the Committe for hiring a Collector reported they had hired Mr. Bartlett Lebaron to be Collector for the four northern districts this year, for the sum of three pounds ten shillings Lawfull money over & above the premium of twelve pence on the pound, voted at first holding this meeting; he to comply with the sd vote respectg Giving bonds to save the town harmless on his account.

Said Lebaron came into meeting and manufested his acceptance to serve in sd office for sd consideration & on sd Conditions.

Then made choice of sd Bartlett Lebaron constable, who together with Seth Mendall the other Constable was sworn in town meeting pr Thomas Foster Esqr.

Then voted to choose a committe of three men to clear ye passage for Alewives from Eellriver to South pond, Allso to Carry up in hogsheads one Cart load of Alewives the first that came in the town brook this year & put them into said South pond and Thomas Foster Esqr, Deacn John Torrey & Mr. William Warren were chosen a committe for that purpose.

Then a vote was Called to know if the town would choose

a committe to dig down Sparrows hill & make the rode wider, it passed in the negative.

Then voted to choose a committe to make answer to the citation from the Superiour Court respecting the rodes in this town being in a ruinous situation, from the Court house to Plimton line which is to be heard & Determined at the next Superiour Court of Judicature &c to be holden at Plimouth within & for the said county of Plimouth on the third tuesday of May next & accordingly made choice of Mr. Thos Jackson, Deacon John Torrey & Doctr William Thomas a Committe for that purpose.

[**306.**] At said meeting Voted to choose a Committe to run the lines & take a survey of the sheep pasture so called belonging to this town & return a plan thereof and of the particular lotts allready laid out within said lines, to the town as soon as may be and allso to Prosecute all persons that may trespass on said land, accordingly made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr, Capt. Theophilus Cotton & Deacn John Torrey a committe for that purpose.

Then voted to continue the Consideration of the Petition of Deacn Jonathan Diman & Doctr William Thomas Desireing about one hundred acres of sd sheep pasture land untill the Committe for taking a survey of the sheep pasture report to the town.

Then voted to choose a number of persons to fire the woods in the Differant parts of this town & prevent the burning the wood lotts in this town for the future & accordingly made choice of

Messrs Eleazr Ellis, Benjamin Cornish Junr, William Warren, Ebenezer Samson, Deacn John Torrey & Lemuel Jackson a committe for that purpose. They to Get needfull help to Do sd business at the Expence of the town.

Then voted to Give a bounty for killing rats, Crows & black birds in this town viz: one copper a head for rats, six coppers a head for crows & one copper a head for black birds, none to receive the bounty but those that are fledged. Then made choice of Mr. Silvanus Bartlett, Mr. Seth Morton & Ephraim Spooner a committe to receive the heads & pay the bounty & draw the money out of the Treasury to Defrey the Expence.

Then voted to continue the consideration of building a work house untill next May meeting.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Regularly assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on the day abovesd being March 15th A D 1773, James Warren Esqr chosen Moderator.

Messrs John Waterman & Ephraim Cobb were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury for the Presant year & Messrs William Ellis, Josiah Bradford, Lemuel Barnes & Phinneas Swift were chosen to serve on the Petit Jury at the next Court of Generall Sessions of the peace & Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimouth on the second Tuesday of April next.

[**307.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Regularly assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday the 3rd day of May Anno Domini 1773.

George Watson Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Messrs Jeremiah Howes, Thomas Jackson Junr & William Weston were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury.

& Messrs Lemuel Morton, Nehemiah Ripley, Eleazer Stephens, Elkanah Watson, Ichabod Holmes & Jonathan Diman were chosen to serve on the Petit Jury all at the next Superiour Court of Judicature &c to be holden at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimouth on the third tuesday of May Instant.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday the 17th day of May A D 1773 a vote was Called to know if the town would send two Representatives the presant year. Before that vote was put a vote was Called to know whether the vote to see if the town would send two Representatives or but one should be put by holding up the hand or written Votes yeas & nays, it passed that it should be Determined by holding up the hand.

Then voted they would send two Representatives the presant year. And accordingly made choice of James Warren Esqr &

Mr. Isaac Lothrop to serve for & Represent them at the Great & Generall Court to be convened & held at Boston on the third Wednesday of May Instant, both which Representatives to draw the pay of but one.

Then Deacon John Torrey was chosen Moderator. Then made choice of James Warren Esqr & Mr. Isaac Lothrop agents to prefer a petition to the Great & Generall Court as

soon as may be praying them to Enable this town to recover the money due to the town from the County of Barnestable for the repairs of Eellriver bridge.

Then Voted to raise the bounty on blackbirds heads & to Give three coppers a head from this time.

Then made choice of Mr. Ichabod Holmes to receive the heads of birds & ratts & to pay the bounty accordingly.

Then voted that the Committe who were chosen in March last to take a Survey of the Sheep pasture defer taking a Survey of the lands layd out within the bounds of sd land Calld the Sheep pasture untill next town meeting.

[**308.**] At said meeting voted to Grant to the County of Plimouth a rode thirty foot wide on the Southerly side of their land neere Capt Nicholsons from the street to the personage lot if they build a Prisson on sd Personage.

Then voted to put of the Consideration of the report of the Committee respecting the rodes or highways till the Town Meeting for Raising money.

Allso voted the Consideration of building a work house be put of to said meeting.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth the 22nd day of June A D 1773

Messrs Abial Shurtleff & Lemuel Cobb were Chosen to Serve on the petit jury at the Next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas &c to be holden at Plimouth on the first tuesday of July next.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth the 14th day of Septembr Anno Domini 1773 Messrs Ichabod Shaw John Bartlett William Weston Joseph Lucas were Chosen to Serve on the petit Jury at the Next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plimouth on the first tuesday of Octobr next.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth legally assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Wednesday the 3rd day of Novembr A D 1773 Thomas Foster Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Then made choice of Thomas Foster Esqr Capt Theophilus Cotton & Deacn John Torrey a Committe in the name & behalf of sd town to prosecute all persons whatsoever that have or shall commit any trespass upon the lands Commonly Called & Known by the name of the Sheep pasture lands,

by Cutting or Carrying of any wood or timber from said land, or Erecting any building or fence on the same sd Committee to have full power of Substitution, the whole to be done at the Charge of the Town of Plimouth

Then Voted to Raise the Sum of three hundred & fifty pounds to Defray the necessary Charges of the Current year.

Then Voted to Choose a Committe of three persons to make a Demand on the executors to the last will & Testament of Doctr Lazarus *Lebarron Deceased of the donation made to this town by his father Doctr Francis Lebarron Deceased of ninety acres of woodland as appears by his said [**309.**] Francis's last will & Testament. And accordingly

[**309.**] Francis's last will & Testament. And accordingly made Choice of Thomas Foster Esqr John Cotton Esqr & Deacn John Torrey a committe for that purpose Said Committe in case those lotts that sd Francis Died Seazed of that layed next to this town are Since his Decease Sold by his heirs in that Case, they Shall receive sd Quantity of land for this town of Equal Value of those lotts that may be sold out of those of sd Francis's lands that have not been disposed of by his heirs.

The report of the committe respecting the School houses in Manument ponds & Eellriver was read which is in the Words following viz—

We The Subscribers being appointed a Committee to take a View of the Manument ponds Parish & of the neighbourhood of Eellriver & Consider & report to the town with respect to the most Convenient places to Sett their School houses &c have attended that Service & beg leave to report as follows, viz—that if the Neighborhood of Eellriver determin to have but one School house for the whole, the place where it now stands we think is the most Convenient for the whole, notwithstanding your Committe would report it as our opinion that it would be for the Interest of the whole, if there were two houses for the keeping of School there & if the town be of that opinion & that neighborhood Shall build another house, & remove the old School house

* The land given by Dr. LeBaron to the town was in Carver not far from the Middleboro line, and contained about ninety acres in two lots of about equal size, separated from each other by lands of I. Atwood and Deacon Lucas.

free from charge to the town, we are of opinion that the new school house be Sett Somewhere between William Warrens & the roade that goes up the woods by Ebenezr Bartletts, and the town School be kept one half the time in that, and the old School house removed & Sett up between Josiah Morton Junrs & William Clarks, & the other half of the time Said School be kept in that house. And your Committe are of opinion it would Shorten the travell of the whole, and Considering the Scituation of that neighborhood be much more beneficial to that community than to have only one School house.

And we would further report that it is the opinion of your Committe after fully Viewing & Considering that there be two School houses in the Manument ponds Precinct, provided they will biuld them free from Cost to the Town, the one to be placed on the roade some where Between Capt Nathaniel Bartletts and the foot of the hill northward neere the Stump of a large tree lately Cut down, & that two thirds of the time the town votes to keep a School in that precinct, it be kept there. And the other School house to be placed on the rode neere where Eleazer Ellis's barn stands, & the other third of the time the Town allow the School to be kept at their charge in sd precinct, to be kept in the last mentioned house & their being no School house as yet built if those Neighbourhoods or either of them Can't Get a house built this winter, to hire room or rooms as neere those places as they can, the Neighbourhood about Ellis's to come as

[310.] farr northward as to Include Vallers farm, & Southward to Sandwich line, each neighborhood to build their own Schoolhouses, and your Committe beg leave to report it as their opinion that considering the Growth of that precinct & the number of Children in Each of those Neighbourhoods it would be just & reasonable that two months more be Allowed and Added to the four months heretofore Voted them to Keep a School at the towns Charge, all which is Submitted.

Ephraim Cobb
Thomas Foster
John Torrey

Plimouth Novembr 3rd 1773.

Then voted to receive the report of the committe respecting the Eellriver School. And allso to receive the report of the committee respecting the School at Manument ponds.

Then voted the Surplusage in the taxes this year Shall not Exceed twenty pounds.

Allso voted the Assessors shall make the town & County tax this year both together.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 8th of November Instant, to three of the clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth ye 8th of Novr A D 1773 by Adjournment from ye 3rd Currant—

Voted to put of the Consideration of the report of the Committe respecting repairing the roads & highways in this town for the future & the draft of the by law they had prepared, untill the next town meeting.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 22rd Currant to 3 a clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimo ye 22nd day of Novembr at Eleven a Clock A M Messrs Seth Harlow Silvanus Harlow Zacheus Morton Thomas Mather were Chosen to serve on the Petit Jury at the next court of Generall Sessions of the peace &c to be holden at Plimouth on the Second tuesday of Decembr next.

[**311.**] At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Legally Assembled and held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 22nd day of Novembr Anno Domini 1773 by Adjournment from the 8th Currant.

Voted to reconsider the vote of the town ye 8th Currant (which was to put of the Consideration of the report of the Committee respecting the repairing the roads in this town & the Draft of a by Law they have prepared for that purpose untill the next town meeting) and to Go upon the Consideration thereof at this time. Then sd Draft of a Town Act or by law was read & is as follows viz—

Plimouth Novembr 22nd 1773

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee by the town of Plimouth at their town meeting on Monday the ninth day of March last past To Consider what method the town Shall Come into respecting repairing (and amending) the highways in this town for the future and report what we think best for the town to do in that affair. Having fully and maturely weighed and considered the same, beg leave to report; that we think it best and most expedient for the

town, that the following order rule or by law should be voted and passed by the town and presented to the next Court of General Sessions of the peace for the County of Plimouth for their Approbation & allowance viz Plimouth Sc. At a meeting of the town of Plimouth legally warn'd and held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday the ninth day of march last past, and from thence adjourned to monday 22nd Novr 1773 instant, and then met at said Court house, The following rule order or by law for the equitable easy and Convenient maintainance support & repair of the highways in said town was agreed upon voted & passed viz, That a certain sum of money (as the town shall Judge Sufficient for maintaining and supporting the highways in sd town) be annually voted to be taxed and assessed by the Assessors of the town (in a separate bill or Column)and collected and paid into the town treasury in the Same way & manner as other town taxes are.

That the Surveyor or Surveyors that Shall from time to time be chosen and appointed by the town whenever the highways want repairing shall Give publick notice to all persons in their respective districts,liable to work on the highways of the time and place, when and where he or they intend to repair the same; that Every person may (if he pleases) pay his proportional part of said tax by his labour in such way and manner and according to the rates & prices hereafter mentioned.

[**312.**] That the Surveyor or Surveyors Shal keep an exact account of all such persons as Shall attend and do their duty either by themselves or other Sufficient persons in their stead to the acceptance of the Surveyor and of all carts, oxen, horses & horsecarts that shall from time to time be employed in repairing the highways and at the experation of his or their year and before the Choice of other Surveyor or Surveyors Shall on oath render in a list or Certificate thereof to the town treasurer; and the town treasurer is hereby impowered and ordered to pay or discount with the respective persons mentioned in said list or certificate out of the money to be raised by this rule, order or by law, for their Several works, labours and services on the highways, according to the rates and prices for labour &c hereafter mentioned.

That the Surveyor or Surveyors shall provide and pro-

cure all necessary materials for repairing the highways as has been usual & Customary heretofore; but shall not build erect or make any new bridge or causeways without the advice and Consent of the Selectmen of the town.

That upon the Surveyor or Surveyors, giving notice of the time and place for repairing the highways, the people within his or their districts Shall refuse or neglect giving their attendance and doing their duty; the Surveyor or Surveyors may hire and employ other persons out of their district (but within the town) to perform the same at the rates & prices hereafter mentioned.

That the rate & price for labour and Services on the highway may be as follows. viz—

To the Surveyor three Shillings & four pence pr day.

To every other person two Shillings pr day they to find themselves victuals and suitable tools for working on the highways.

For every yoke of oxen two shillings pr day

For every ox cart one Shilling & six pence pr day.

For every horse two Shillings pr day.

For every horse cart one shilling & four pence pr day.

That in case any extraordinary casualty accident or occasion by which the bridges may be greatly Injured or destroyed or the roads greatly broken up or damnafied if the provision or sum of money annually raised should not be sufficient to the repair the same, then the people of the respective districts within the town, shall be liable to be Called upon by their respective surveyors to do duty on the highways in manner and form heretofore.

That if the Surveyor or Surveyors Shall Judge it necessary to Call upon the people in his or their respective districts to clear the highways of Snowdrifts &c and make the Same passable for sleds &c in the winter Season the people in their respective districts Shall attend and do duty accordingly under the same rules and regulations as heretofore, without receiving any pay or allowance for the same or by virtue of this rule order or by law.

That the Surveyor or Surveyors in their respective districts shall not admit boys or any other persons in the room or stead of any person or persons liable to do duty on the highway and in case of any dispute the Surveyors in their respective districts shall Judge & determine of the suf-

ficiency or unsufficiency of such boys or persons & certify accordingly.

[**313.**] That the respective Surveyors at the experation of their respective years and before the Choice of other Surveyors shall render an account on oath to the Selectmen of the town of the times and Seasons they have attended and done their duty on the highways as Surveyors together with the Charge and expence they have been at in providing and procuring materials and necessarys for maintaining and keeping the highways in repair; and the Selectmen Shall examine the same and draw an order on the town treasurer for so much money as shall appear to them to be reasonably due to said Surveyors, and the said town treasurer is hereby impower'd and ordered to pay and discount the same to the respective Surveyors.

Lastly that this rule, order or by law be and remain in full force and virtue untill the town shall think proper to alter or repeal the same.

Thomas Foster
Theo Cotton
John Torrey
Pelham Winslow
William Watson

Then voted to accept the Said report of an Act or by law for this town, And made Choice of Thomas Foster Esqr to prefer the Same to the next court of Generall Sessions of the peace to be holden at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimouth on the Second tuesday of Decembr next for their approbation & Allowance.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on tuesday the 7th day of Decembr A D 1773.

John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Then voted to Choose a committee to take into consideration the circumstances of our Publick affairs & in particular the East India company's Import of tea into America Subject to a duty payable here for raising a revenue against our consent & to report what they think proper for the Town to do respecting sd Matters, & accordingly made Choice of Deacn John Torrey James Warren Esqr & William Watson Esqr the Committee for that purpose, they to report to the Town as soon as may be, they accordingly withdrew from

the meeting & after Considering of said affair, reported as follows.

The Inhabitants of this town ever attentive to the rights & Interest of their country, having been repeatedly alarmed with the measures of late years, adopted & pursued by the Brittish Administration under various forms Evidently repugnant to Every principall of our Constitution, & after flattering ourselves from time to time with hopes that from a Change of men or some other happy Circumstance

[**314.**] Such new measures might be adopted as would put an End to the unhappy contest between Britain and the colonies & leave us in the full enjoyment of those rights, which no power on Earth can reasonably dispute; much less pretend to deprive us off, have yet the misfortune to find the British ministry so far from relaxing, that they are still pursueing with assiduity the Same destructive measures, a recent Instance of which we see in Their attempt by virtue of an Act of the last Session of Parliament, to Enable the east India company in London to Export their tea to America in Such Quantity as the Lords of the Treasury shall think proper subject to the same unconstitutional Tax or tribute, which we have upon other occasions & Under differant appearances with firmness & resolution oppos'd as daingerous to that liberty which our fathers claimed & Enjoyed which we have a right to Enjoy & which our posterity may Expect we transmit to them Inviolate, do think it our duty on this as on Severall other Similar occasions to Express our firm resolution not only to oppose this step as daingerous to the liberty & commerce of this country, but allso to Aid & Support all our brethren in their opposition to this & Every Violation of our rights; and Therefore resolve.

1 That the dangerous nature & tendency of Importing teas here by any person or persons Especially the India company as proposd subject to a tax upon us without our consent, & the Steps Incumbent on Every one Concerned for the true Interest of America to take on the occasion, as well as the sentiments & conduct they should observe with regard to all aiders & abetters of that measure are Extremely well Expressed by the late Judicious resolves of the Worthy Citizens of Philadelphia.

2dly That the persons to whom the sd India company have consigned the tea they propose to send to Boston, have

by their wickedness & obstinacy in Endeavoring to accept of & Execute their Commission contrary to the almost universall sense & desire of the whole province, & in still continueing to refuse to gratify the reasonable request of their countrymen forfeited that protection Every Good Citizen is Intitled to & Expos'd themselves & their abettors to the Indignation & resentment of all Good men.

3dly That it is an affront to the common sense & understanding of mankind & to the Majesty of the people, who are under God the Source from whence is derived all powers & magistracy in Every community to assert that any meeting of the people to consult measures for their common Security & hapiness on very Extreordinary & alarming occasions, is Either Unlawfull or Irregular

[**315.**] Since no legislature could be supposed to Establish rules of conduct in such cases as no man could even Suppose would take place in a free & Good Government.

4thly That the late meetings of a verry large & respectfull body of the Inhabitants of Boston & the ajacent towns, & their conduct & determination at sd meetings relative to the Importation & reshiping of any teas that have or may be sent here Subject to a Duty on Importation was both necessary & laudable & highly deserving the Gratitude of all who are Interested in or with the prosperity of America; & that whoever have attempted (by any means whatever)to Interrupt their proceedings & prevent the full operation of their determinations have in that Instance shown themselves Inimical to the freedom & Interest of the Country.

5thly That we are in duty & Gratitude bound not only to acknowledge our obligations to the body who composd that meeting for their noble, Generous & spirited Conduct in the common cause, but allso to aid & Support them in carrying their votes & resolves into Execution & that we will not only aid & support them in Executing the said Votes & resolves, but at the hazard of our lives & fortunes will Exert our whole force to defend them against the violence & wickedness of our Common Enemies.

6thly That the town clerk immediately record these votes & resolutions & deliver a fair copy of them to the Committe of Correspondence of this town to be by them Transmitted to the Committe of correspondence for the town of Boston.

Then a vote was called to know if the town would accept sd report it passed in the Affirmative Unanimously.

At said meeting Voted to choose a Committee to view the road in Eellriver between the house that was Mr. Joseph Warrens deceasd & the house of Mr. Joshu Swift & report what they think best for the town to do Either to repair the road as it now Gos or turn it some other way & accordingly made choice of Capt Theophilus Cotton Deacn Elisha Holmes Mr Benjamin Rider James Warren Esqr & Mr Benjamin Cornish for that purpose.

Then a voat wos Called to know if this meeting Should be Adjourned to next Monday ye 13th Currant to 2 a Clock P M in order to receive the report of their committe respecting the road. It passed in the Affirmative.

[**316.**] At a Meeting of the town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Mon day the 13th day of Decembr Anno Domini 1773 by Adjournment from the 6th Instant.

The committe apointed to view the road between the house that Mr Joseph Warren deceasd lived in & the house of Mr. Joshua Swift Reported they had attended that Service.

After viewing the road &c they are of opinion that it is best for the town to purchase a new road through the land that was Mr Joseph Warrens deceasd & come out at the foot of the Mill lane, & that if the town conclude to purchase the land proposed for a new road that in that case the town Should make Satisfaction to Ezekiel Morton for cutting him of from a road to his land, or Enable him to come to the sd new road from his land. They Estemate the Expence in making the sd new road to be about thirty five pounds Lawfull money.

Then voted that the further consideration of the report be put of till next March meeting & in the mean time the Surveyor is Directed to repair the Road & put it in as Good order as this Season of the year will admitt off.

Then a vote was Called to know if the town would reconsider the votes & resolves they came into last town meeting it passed in the negative 20 for it & 52 against it.

Then Edward Winslow Esqr Informed the town he had in his hand a protest against the resolves of the last town meeting, Signed by himself & a number of others, the In-

habitants of this town, which he Desired to read, a vote was Called to know if sd Protest Should be read, it passed in the Negative

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 7th March Anno Domini 1774.

James Warren Esq Chosen Moderator.

Ephraim Spooner Chosen town Clerk & Sworn pr Thomas Mayhew Esqr.

Mr Benjamin Rider Deacn John Torrey Mr Nathaniel Morton Junr Capt Theophilus Cotton Ephraim Spooner Were Chosen Selectmen

John Cotton Esqr Deacn John Torrey Mr John Blackmer Were Chosen Assessors & Sworn pr Thomas Mayhew Esqr.

[317.] At Said meeting John Cotton Esqr was Chosen town Treasurer. Then the votes for a County Treasurer were brought in & sealed up in town meeting by Mr. Bartlett Lebaron Constable & delivd to his care.

Then voted to have as many Schools this year & under the Same regulations as the last year viz Besides the Grammer School in the Center of the town to have the following Schools Set up at the Ends of the Town.

One at Manument ponds six months

One at Eellriver four months

One at Willingsle four months

One at the North pt ye Town three months.

And then voted to Add

One neere Isaac Jacksons one month.

Then made Choice of James Warren Esqr Deacn John Torrey Capt Elkanah Watson a committe to supply the Grammer School with a Suteable Schoolmaster ye year

And Messrs Benjamin Cornish Junr John Blackmer Israel Clark a committee to supply the Manument School with a Suteable Schoolmaster

And Messrs Ezekiel Morton Ebenezr Bartlett & Phillip Leonard a committee to Supply the School at Eellriver with a Suteable Schoolmaster

And Messrs Ichabod Holmes Nathaniel Morton Junr & Samuel Bartlett a Committe to Supply the School at Wellingsle with a Suteable Schoolmaster

And Messrs Capt Theophilus Cotton Ebenezr Nellson & Elijah Dammon a Committee to Supply the School at the north end of the Town with a Suteable Schoolmaster

And Messrs Isaac Jackson & Benjamin Lucas a committe to Supply the School at the Westward with a Suteable Schoolmaster

Then voted to allow the Collectors for the presant year the same premium & on the Same Conditions as the last year, viz 12d on the pound for Collecting & paying in the towns money they Giveing bonds with Good Suretys to Save the town harmless on their account. And allso they to pay in the whole of the money they may be ordered to Collect & finish their accounts with the Treasurer within two years from the Date of the tax bill that may be delivered them. It was not Intended by this vote to prevent the Treasurer's Issuing their Executions against those persons that Shall not pay in the money they may be ordered to Collect by the time mentioned in their Respective Warrents.

Then made Choice of Deacn John Torrey Mr Ephm Cobb & William Watson Esqr a Committee to hire a Collector or Collectors for the town Excepting Manument ponds Precinct on the best terms they Can.

[**318.**] At said meeting voted to Excuse Manument ponds Precinct from payg any part of the Extreordinary Charge of hireing a Collector the presant year. Then made Choice of Lothrop Clarke Constable for Manument ponds Precinct.

Then made Choice of

Capt Theophilus Cotton	Mr Thomas Lothrop
Mr StephenChurchell	Mr Nathaniel Morton Junr
Mr Benjamin Rider &	Mr Benjamin Cornish

Were Chosen Surveyors of the Highways.

Then voted not to take any alewives for Sail in the town brook for the presant year and not more than 200 barrills in halfway pond brook & herring pond brook.

Messrs Ezekiel Morton William Warren & Seth Morton Were Chosen to take care of the herring brook at Eellriver.

& Deacn John Torrey Mr Stephen Churchell & Ephraim Spooner Were Chosen to take care of the Town brook Agreeable to the law.

Then the act respecting the observation of the Lords day & the Choice & duty of Wardens was read after which

Messrs Nathaniel Torrey Jesse Harlow David Lothrop Thaddeus Churchell William Warren & Joseph Sylvester Were Chosen Wardens

Messrs James Drew Benjámin Churchell & Stephen Churchell Were Chosen Gaugers of Cask & Packers of Fish.

Messrs Ebenezr Nellson Samuel Sherman & Stephen Doten Were Chosen Tytheingmen.

Messrs Benjamin Drew & Thomas Spooner

Messrs Timothy Goodwin Amaziah Harlow William Morton Levi Drew Abraham Howland Jesse Churchell Thomas Foster tertius Nathaniel Lewis Thomas Morton & Phillip Leonard Were Chosen Hogreeves

[319.] Messrs Samuel Cole & William Watson Esqr Were Chosen Clerks of the markit.

Messrs Ebenezr Samson Robert Bartlett Thomas Davie Lemuel Jackson Amaziah Churchell Ichabod Holmes Eleazer Churchill Samuel Bartlett & Thomas Southworth Howland Were Chosen Cullers of Fish.

Messrs Ebenezer Nellson Samuel Cole John Bartlett Junr John Watson Capt Nathl Bartlett Phillip Leonard Were Chosen fence viewers & field drivers

Messrs James Warren Esqr Thomas Jackson Junr Deacn John Torrey Elkanah Watson Ichabod Holmes & Benjamin Cornish Junr Were Chosen firewards

Messrs John Kempton David Lothrop David Turner Lemuel Drew Abial Shurtleff & William Savory Were Chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

Messrs Benjamin Churchell James Drew & Thomas Jackson Junr Were Chosen Surveyors of Clapboards & Shingle & viewers & Cullers of Staves & hoops

Messrs Benjamin Lucas Samuel Donham & James Holmes were Chosen Deere Reeves

Messrs George Ellis James Warren Esqr & Josiah Morton Junr Were Chosen to take care of Plimouth beach.

& William Watson Esqr Doctr Nathaniel Lothrop & Ephraim Spooner Were Chosen to Examine the Schollers that Shall be admited into the Grammer School.

Stevens Mason Chosen Sexton & to allow him 8 £ for his Sallery the Presant year.

Messrs Stephen Samson Thomas Jackson Junr Isaac Jackson Joseph Rider Ichabod Holmes Benjamin Cornish & Seth Morton Were Chosen to fire the woods in this town at a proper time & prevent the fires burning the Wood Lotts in this Town.

[320.] At sd meeting Voted to Choose a Committe of

Five persons to Consider that paregraph in the Warrant respecting the treasury & the Moneys due to the Town they to report to the town what they think proper for the Town to do in the affair at the Adjournment of this meeting.

And then made Choice of Deacn John Torrey Thomas Mayhew Esqr William Watson Esqr Capt Theophilus Cotton & Ephraim Spooner to be said Committe.

Then Voted to Choose a Committe to take delivery of the lands Given by the late Doctr Francis Lebaron Deceased to this town & to Petition the Generall Court for Liberty to Sell the same & then made Choice of John Cotton Esqr & Deacn John Torrey to be said Committe

Then Voted the Selectment Shall procure a Keeper of the Almes house & Agree what Allowance he shall have for his trouble &c.

Then Voted to Give a bounty of three coppers a head for blackbirds

& six coppers a head for Crows

two coppers a head for Squarrells & Wood Chuck.

& one copper a head for rats the presant year

Then made Choice of Mr. Isaac Symmes Deacn John Torrey Mr Seth Morton & Capt Zacheus Bartlett a Committee to receive sd heads & pay the bounty they to draw the money out ye Treasury.

Then Voted to Choose a Committe of Seven persons to look out a more Convenient place for the pest house in this town & report their opinion to the town at the Adjournment of this meeting.

Accordingly Capt Thomas Jackson Doctr Nathaniel Lothrop Mr Eleazer Stephens Deacn John Torrey Mr Stephen Samson Deacn Jonathan Diman & Doctr William Thomas to be sd Committe.

Then voted the Selectmen be a Committe to answer the Petition from the County of Barnestable respecting the new road they request in this town through the woods from Phineas Swifts & to come out against the Training Green agreeable to the Citation from the Court of Generall Sessions of the peace for the County of Plimo & Indeavour to prevent the Courts ordering a road there.

Then voted to raise the Sum of Sixty pounds for Defraying the Expence of repairing the roads the presant year.

*Then voted the town will Choose a Minister to preach a

Sermon in this town the Next anniversary of our forefathers first landing here viz the 22nd of Decembr next, And then unanimously made Choice of the Revd Mr Gad Hitchcock to preach the Same. And made Choice of the Selectmen a Committe to present the Revd Mr Hitchcock with sd Vote & Desire his complyance therewith.

[321.] At sd meeting Voted to add two persons to the Committe of Correspondence & Communication in this town & accordingly made Choice of Capt Theophilus Cotton & Mr Nathaniel Morton to be sd Addition.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to thursday the 24th Currant to 2 a clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth the 24th of March Anno Domini 1774.

James Warren Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Then the Petition for Calling this meeting was read & is as follows viz—

To the Selectmen of the town of Plimouth.
Gentlemen.

The Comitte of Correspondence &c for the town of Plimouth having received intelligence that India tea is frequently brought into & sold in this town & having done Every thing in their power to put a Stop to practice which they conceive to be repugnant to the sense & Inclination of their Constituents, & the principles on which they apprehend their security rests, without the success they could wish for: Do think it their duty (agreeable to the Instructions of the town) to request you to call a meeting as soon as may be that the inhabitants when met may take such resolutions as they shall think proper on the occasion we are your Humble Servts

William Thomas	John Torrey
Nathaniel Torrey	JamesWarren
Stephen Samson	Thomas Mahew
Thomas Lothrop	Ephraim Cobb
Theophilus Cotton	William Watson

Nathaniel Morton Junr

Then voted to Choose a Comitte to take into Consideration the matter Containd in the aforesaid petition & warrant Calling this meeting respecting the Selling India tea in this town for the future, & accordingly made Choice of Deacn

John Torrey William Watson Esqr & Mr Isaac Lothrop to be a Comitte for that purpose.

Then the meeting was adjourned for half an hour, After which the Comitte reported in the words following viz—

Whereas the Selling of India tea under the present Circumstances of this Country has a tendency not only to encourage the use of them but to embarrass that opposition which is now made to the tyranny & oppression Exercised over us and to render abortive those attempts to secure our rights and liberties which are made in an Easy & gentle way & thereby to reduce us to the disagreeable Alternative Either to renounce, or to be obliged to defend them in way that Every good man could wish there should be no occasion for; and whereas the Comitte of Correspondence of this town attentive to the Public good & the originall design of their appointment have with a laudable zeal taken into Consideration the danger of Such a practice; And exerted

[**322.**] themselves to put a stop to it without the Success we Could wish for as Capt Gideon White who is one of the three of the Inhabitants of this town who have for Severall months past been in the practice of Selling tea has refused to give any Satisfaction that he will not Continue the Same practice for the future Contrary to the Sense of his fellow townsmen to the remonstrances of our Said Comitte & the good Example of the other two gentlemen who had been in the Same practice & whereas the dangerous Consequences of such a Conduct are not to be the Less dreaded by the Sale of the Said teas being Confined to one person we do therefore in order to discontenance & put a Stop to such a pernicious Practice Resolve.

1st That whoever Continues to Sell or shall for the future expose for Sale in this town any India tea is & ought to be Considered as an Enemy to the rights of America & the Constitution of his Country.

2ly That we will have no intercourse or dealings with Such as Shall Sell India teas till there be a change in the measures of Administration that may produce a Change in the Circumstances of this Country which will justify Such a Conduct in them & that we will Consider as Inimicall to this Country all those who shall have any dealings with them.

John Torrey
William Watson
Isaac Lothrop

Plimouth 24 March 1774.

Then voted to accept Sd report & ordered it to be recorded & that the Town Clerk Send a Copy thereof to be published in the Boston Newsletter.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth ye 24th of March 1774 by Adjournment from the 7th Currant. The Committe appointed to look out a proper place for removing the pest house to or building another in, Reported they had attended that Service & were of opinion that a peace of land belonging to Mr Ebenezer Churchell neere Billington Sea was a Suteable place to sett Said house, And allso a Place Called Donham Neck is a Suteable place to Sett a pest house on. Then voted Sd Committe be directed to make Enquiry whether Either of sd places can be purchased for sd purpose & at what rate, Allso they to make an Estemate of what the Expence of building a pest house will be & allso what they think the old Pesthouse will fetch and report to the town at the next town meeting.

Then voted the Surplusage of the tax for repairing the roads &c in the town the Currant year Shall not Exceed 20 pounds & the Assessors Shall conduct accordingly.

Then voted the Committe appointed at this meeting to Consider & report what is best for the town to do to Collect the money due to the Town be Directed to report to the next town meeting.

[**323.**] At Sd Meeting the Committe appointed to hire Collectors reported they had hired Mr. Thomas Morton to Collect the Town, County & Province taxes for the whole of this town the presant year Except Manument ponds Precinct for thirteen pounds Lawfull money more than the Premium of 12d pr pound.

Then made Choice of Thomas Morton a Constable, Allso made Choice of Bartlett Lebarron Constable.

Then voted to put of the Consideration of Alltering the road in Eellriver neer the house that was Mr Joseph Warrens to next town meeting.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 28th Instant to 3 a clock P M—then mett & adjourned to ye 11th of April—then mett & adjourned to ye 18th of April 3 a clock P M

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth reguarly assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth ye 24th of March 1774

James Warren Esqr was Chosen Moderator

Messrs Ephraim Cobb & John Waterman were Chosen Grand Jurymen for the year Ensuing

And Messrs Benjamin Cornish Junr Richard Cooper William Bartlett & Josiah Morton Junr were Chosen Petit Jurors for the next Court of Generall Sessions of the peace & to be holden at Pimouth ye 2nd tuesday of April next.

At a meeting of the Town of Plymouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth May 6th 1774

Messrs Thomas Jackson Junr Thomas Lothrop & Stephen Samson were Chosen to Serve on the Grand Jury And

Messrs Nathaniel Bartlett Benjamin Churchell Silvanus Bartlett Thomas Jackson Senr Daniel Diman Elisha Holmes were Chosen to serve on the Petit Jury. All at next Superior Court of Judicature &c to be holden at Plimouth on the third Tuesday of May Instant.

[**324.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & Held at the Couht house in Plimouth on Monday ye 16th day of May Anno Domini 1774.

Voted to Choose two Representatives the presant year, they both to draw the pay of one Representative. Then made Choice of James Warren Esqr & Mr Isaac Lothrop to Serve as Representatives for this town at the Great & Generall Court or Assembly of this Province to be Convened & held at Boston upon the last Wednesday of May Instant.

Then James Warren Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Then voted they would not Enlarge the Garden at the Alms house as mentioned in the Warrent.

Then voted that the Committe who were Chosen to look out a Convenient Place for a pest house in this town & Estemate the Expence of building Sd house & allso to Enquire what the old pest house in this town will fetch be Desired to sett again & report to the town at the Adjournment of this meeting.

Then the Committe Chosen to take into Consideration the matter of the money due to the town from Severall Collectors Reported it was their opinion it would be best for the town to Direct their Treasurer to Prosecute the bonds the Severall Collectors have Given the town for the taxes they were to Collect for the year 1772 & before, within six months from this day if not paid before.

Then voted to accept sd Report.

Then this meeting was adjourned for 4 weeks viz to Monday the 13th day of June next to three a Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth the 13th day of June Anno Domini 1774 by adjournment from ye 16th day of May last, James Warren Esqr the Moderator of this meeting being absent Deacn John Torrey was Chosen Moderator.

Then voted that inasmuch as the Committe who were Chosen to procure a place for building a pest house &c are not ready to report they are Directed to report at the Adjournment of this meeting.

Then this meeting was adjourned to Monday the 11th day of July next.

[**325.**] At a meeting of the town of Plimouth legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth the 28th day of June Anno Domini 1774.

Messrs Zacheus Barnes and David Turner were Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury at the Next Court of Generall Sessions of the peace & Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plimouth on the first tuesday of July next.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday the 15th day of Augst 1774 by virtue of a Warrent from the Selectmen Dated July 28th last past.

At Sd Meeting John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Moderator

Then voted to raise the sum of three hundred & thirty pounds for defraying the needfull Charges of the Currant year. Allso voted that the Assessors be directed not to lett the Surplusage in the tax bills Exceed Twenty pounds.

Allso voted to raise the Sum of one hundred & twenty pounds for repairing the roads in the town the Currant year. And then voted & Directed the Assessors not to lett Sd tax Exceed (Viz the Surplusage thereof) twenty pounds.

Then voted that the Assessors Should make the County & town tax together as Usual.

Then voted to Choose a Committe to purchase for the town a peace of land at a Place Called Donham's neck to Sett a pest house on & accordingly made choice of Capt Thomas Jackson Mr. Isaac Lothrop & Mr Samuel Battles to be Said Committe.

Then voted to return our Sincere & hearty thanks to the

town of Boston for their patience & virtue under their presant Sufferings in the Common Cause of America. And allso voted to Choose a Committe to Collect all such Sums of money &c that any person will Give in this town for the Support of the Suffering Poor of Sd town of Boston to Enable them Still to persevere with firmness & fortitude. And accordingly made Choice of Capt Theophilus Cotton Mr. Silvanus Bramhall Mr Nathaniel Morton Deacn John Torrey Mr Ezekiel Morton William Watson Esqr & Ephraim Spooner to be Sd Committe.

Then Voted That Whereas a Certain Publication in the Massachusetts Gazette of July ye 14th last purporting to be the Cordial Congratulations of the Justices of the Courts of Generall Sessions of the peace & Inferiour Courts of Common pleas of the County of Plimouth To His Excelency Thomas Gauge on his appointment to the High office of First Magistrate of this Province &c Contains

[**326.**] Injurious reflections on & Illiberal Insinuations Concerning the body of the Clergy and the Committees of Correspondents in the Several towns in this Province as If the Said Committees had assumed a Title & business without the appointment of their Severall towns & had been Encouraged & Supported by the Clergy in an Unjustifiable Influence on the People—We the inhabitants of the town of Plimouth the Capetall & Shire town of Sd County conceive it our duty to bear our testimony against Said Publication its aiders & abetters & therefore vote & resolve.

1st That we ourselves & we conceive by farr the Greatest part of the country have a Great respect for the Clergy in this province & the conduct of the Majority of them relative to the Political Circumstances of the country.

2dly That the Committee of Correspondents of this town & we conceive those of the other towns where they subsist are regularly appointed by their Severall towns, for Very valuable purposes & have answered the Expectations of their Constituents & and are therefore Intitled to Contenance & respect from all men & body's of men.

3dly. That the Solemn Leagues & Covenants Entering into appear to us calculated to Increase the Honour & dignity of our Sovereign, to Promote the true Interest of our Parent Country & to restore the Harmony of Society.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth assembled & held

at the Court house in Plimouth the 19th day of Septembr Anno Domini 1774 voted to Choose Two Representatives they both to draw the pay of one. Then made Choice of James Warren Esqr & Mr Isaac Lothrop on the conditions abovesd to Serve for & represent them at a Great & Generall Court appointed to be convened, held & kept for his Majesty's Service at the Court house in Salem on the fifth day of Octobr next.

Then made Choice of John Cotton Esqr Moderator.

Then voted to give our Representatives Instructions as to their Conduct at the Generall Court.

Then Voted to Choose a Committe to draw up said Instructions & accordingly made Choice of Deacn John Torrey William Watson Esqr Capt Theophilus Cotton John Cotton Esqr Mr Thomas Lothrop to be said Committe, they to report to the town at the Adjournment of this meeting.

[**327**.] At Sd meeting made Choice of our two representatives viz—

James Warren Esqr & Mr. Isaac Lothrop to serve for the town as members at the Provincal Congress In Case there Should be one.

Then voted the above Committe be a Committe to draw up Instructions for the above members of the Congress, they to make report to the town at the Adjournment of this meeting.

Then voted to Choose a Committee of nine persons to Enquire into the Importation & Selling tea in this town, they to make report to the Committee of Correspondence for this town of any Discoverys they may make of the Importation & Selling tea as aforesd. Then made Choice of Messrs Stephen Samson, Ichabod Holmes, Samuel Jackson, Abial Shurtleff, Thomas Lothrop, John Cotton Junr James Doten, Nathaniel Morton Junr & William Thomas to be said Committe.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Fryday the 30th Instant to 2 a clock P M.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth ye 19th day of Septr 1774 for the Choice of Jurors Messrs Solomon Sylvester John Harlow Junr Ebenezer Bartlett & Zadock Barrows were Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury at the next Court of Generall Sessions of the peace & Inferiour Court of Common

Pleas to be holden at Plimouth on the first Tuesday of Octobr next.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth ye 30th day of Septembr Anno Domini 1774 by Adjournment from ye 19th Instant.

The Committee appointed to Draw up Instructions for our Representatives reported as follows.

Being apprehensive that the Chief Design of Convening the Generall Assembly at this unusual Season of the year is to make tryal Whether they will in Whole or in part Submit to the late Acts of Parliment respecting this Province, And it being our fixed Sentiment that Said Acts are Cruel, unjust & oppressive, Subversive of our most Sacred Rights, we Cannot in Conscience advise to the least submission, but on the Contrary expect & Desire our said Representatives to oppose them to the utmost in all proper ways & methods, strictly Adhearing to our Charter rights & Privilidges. More Particularly we enjoin them by no means to Cooperate or act in concert with the new sett of Mandamus Councillors

[328.] whose appointment is founded on the Destruction of our Charter, which we hold sacred & Inviolable in all its parts and no Power on Earth has a right to Disannull it and God forbid that we should Give up the Inheritance of our Fathers or tamely submit to the efforts of Despotism & the loss of Freedom.

And Gentlemen If in consequence of such opposition from you and others the Generall Assembly should be disolved or otherwise hindered from acting we expect a Provincial Congress will be Immediately formed and that you will act as members of it, concocting such measures with our brethren of other towns as will have the most effectual tendency to shake of the yoak of oppression & prevent the operation of those acts of which we so justly complain—which said Report was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Then voted the selectmen be directed to take care that the town landing Place at the Waterside be now cleared of all Incumbrances & that it be kept so in future & if they think needfull, To Insert a Clause in the Warrent for Calling the next town meeting to know if the town will choose a Committee for that purpose. Then Voted to have Watch Kept in this town Called a Constables Watch.

Then Voted to add ten persons to the Committe respecting bringing & selling tea in this town & that any five of the Committe shall be a Quorum, And accordingly made Choice of Messrs Nathl Goodwin, Timothy Goodwin, William Hall Jackson, Nathl Lewis, Benjamin Warren, Nathl Jackson, Stephen Churchill, John Otis, Thomas Jackson Junr & James Drew to be sd addition to sd Committe.

[329.] At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Regularly Assembled and held at the court house in Plimouth on Monday November 21st Anno Domini 1774.

John Cotton Esqr was chosen Moderator.

Then Voted & directed the Constables, Collectors & others in this town to pay in the moneys they have, or may have belonging to this Province to Henry Gardener Esqr of Stow who is appointed by the Congress of this Province Receiver Generall and we do Expressly Engage to Such Constables, Collectors & others in this town that they paying the same to Henry Gardner Esqr aforesaid and Producing his Receipt therefor shall Ever hereafter operate as an effectual discharge to such person for the same.

Then made choice of the Committe of Communication & Correspondance in this town a Committe to see that the Resolves of the Continential & Provincial Congress be duly executed herein.

Then Voted & raised the sum of thirty pounds Lawful money for paying our Representatives the present year.

Then voted & Directed the town Clerk to Enter on the town records the names of such persons as shall by the Province be considered & published as rebels against the state & that he be Advised by the Committe of Correspondance for this town as to his conduct in that matter.

Then Voted that the Assessors of this town be directed to send a certificate of the taxes they may make this year to Henry Gardner Esqr of Stow, and that the town will Indemnify them for so doing.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Thursday ye 29th day of Decembr A D 1774, Deacn John Torrey was chosen Moderator.

Then voted that Collo Theophilus Cotton, Mr. Issac Lothrop & Ephraim Spooner be a Committe to Wait on the Revd Gad Hitchcock with the thanks of this town for his

Ingenious & Learned discourse delivered ye 22d Instant being the Anniversary of the landing of our Fathers in this Place & request a Copy for the Press.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to tuesday ye 3d day of Janry next to ten a clock in the forenoon.

[330.] At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Tuesday ye 3d day of Janry 1775 by Adjournment from the 29th of Decembr last. Voted to choose two members to represent this town at the next Provinciall Congress. Accordingly made Choice of

The Honourbl James Warren Esqr & Mr. Isaac Lothrop to represent this town at the next Provincial Congress to be holden at Cambridge or Elsewhere.

Then Voted to pay sd members the Expense they shall be at, while on the business above mentioned.

Then Voted the town will make Provision for the persons Called minute men in this Town as recommended by the late Provincial Congress.

Then Voted & chose

Collo Theophilus Cotton, William Watson Esqr, Mr. William Crombie, Mr. Benjamin Rider & Ephraim Spooner a Committe to take that matter under Consideration viz: how & in what manner said men shall be provided for, & report to the town at the Adjournment of this meeting.

Then Voted the Assessors be directed to make the Province Tax this year with the town tax.

Then Voted that the Selectmen & Town Treasurer here, or otherways procure a sum of money equal to sd tax & Allso so much money as is now Due from this town to the province, that is in any constables hands to Collect & pay the same Directly into Henry Gardner Esqr, the Presant Treasurer, or his successor.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth at the time abovesd The Committe appointed to Consider what allowance or Provision is Proper to be made for the minnet men, so Called in this town, reported that it is our opinion, the town ought to allow each of those men four pence for Each of the times they meet for Exercise, which makes one shilling per week, for those persons that attend the service, to be paid by

the town treasurer, the role to be made up by the officers of Each Company & Examined by the selectmen & they to draw on the Treasurer for the payment thereof, sd pay to commence the first of January Instant & to Continue to the first day of April next, If the town don't see cause to alter it before that time. All which is submitted.

Plimouth Janry 3d 1775.

Theophilus Cotton William Watson
Benjamin Rider William Crombie
Ephraim Spooner

Then Voted to accept sd report.

By Virtue of the above vote Jno Cotton Esqr, Jno Torrey, Collo Cotton, Nathl Morton Junr, & Ephm Spooner hired of William Sever Esqr cash 100, 0, 0, & Gave their bond on Intrest payable in 1 year from ye sd Day.

[**331.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on the 27th day of January A D 1775. Deacn John Torrey chosen moderator.

Then Voted this town will Give Instructions to their Delegates for the next Provincial Congress to be holden at Cambridge or Elsewhere.

Then Voted the following Instructions unanimously viz: To the Honourable James Warren Esqr and Mr. Isaac Lothrop.

Gentlemen—As by the vote of this Town you are again chosen to Represent us in a Provincial Congress at a time when we not only suffer in Common with our Sister Colonies the Evil Effects of the tyranny of the British Government, but when we have to struggle with additional difficultys & embarrassments peculiar to our Scituation, here oppression has taken her principal residence, & is exerting her most strenuous efforts, aided & supported by such a band of villains & traitors in the character of Mandamus Councillors Commissioners of the customs &c with all their tools & dependants, as perhaps are not to be parrelled in any other country under Heaven, & these backed by a large Naval & land force from Brittain for the purpose of effectually subdueing this Province, reducing us to a state of vassalage & abject slavery, while we Embarassed with difficultys arise-ing from a want of the exercise of the powers of Government & by a suspension of Executive Justice, are unable to

make any vigorous opposition, we are sensible of the many Difficultys the Congress have to Encounter & the Important business they have to transact, & among the rest that verry Important one of Assuming the Exercise & administration of Civill Government, this we presume to be a part of their business, because Important, and as we think Absolutely necessary to be done & therefore Instruct you to use your Endeavours to Effect it, we admire the pudence, the Patience and In short the remarkable virtue of the people of this province which alone for many months has supported that Justice, peace & Good order which has so Generally prevailed; but we dare not Hazard the remaining any longer in such a Scituation, feeble must be our efforts & precarious our happiness while the first rests only in recommendation, without the sanction & penaltys of Laws to Enforce them, & the last is Exposed to the Intrested malice & Collective strength of our enemies, encouraged by the weakness & timidity of some of our friends we therefore have thought it was our Duty under there many & peculairly difficult circumstances to aid & assist you by our advice & Intructions, & we do repeatedly Enjoin it upon

[**332.**] you that (unless you have when you meet certain & undoubted Intelligence that our Grievances are or will Immediately be Redressed) you without delay unite your Votes & Influence for Establishing in this Province a form of Government as free, as stable & vigorous & in all respects as advantageous to the Good people of this province as possible, that we may be able to Defeat the designs of our enemies & again sett down in peace & safely under our own vines & Figtrees, leaving it nevertheless to your prudence & discression if any unforeseen circumstances should take place to act in such a way & manner as you shall think most beneficial to the intrest of this Province.

That the divine direction may attend you & the Blessings of Heaven rest on our Country is the hearty & unremitted prayer of your constituents.

Then voted to procure fifty Good Guns & Bayonets for the towns use & then voted that the selectmen & town treasurer be directed to procure the same, & in order therefor voted that they hire the money or otherways procure it & purchase sd arms as soon as may be.

Then voted the town will procure two drums for their use

at Presant to be lent to the Minnet Companys in this town.

Then voted that whereas the foes to American Liberty have been Endeavouring to amuse the Inhabitants of this Province with forms of Inlistments & Association papers, to Establish in America dispotism & popery & thereby to counteract the most prudent plans of the Grand continental & Provincial Congresses, & whereas their is in this town, as we think, a few so lost to Justice & virtue, as to subserve these Iniquitous Designs, Therefore made Choice of Doctr

William Thomas	William Watson Esqr
Mr. Silvanus Harlow	Mr. Samuel Jackson
Mr. Andrew Crosswell	Mr. William Weston
Mr. Thomas Mayhew Junr	Mr. Ephraim Cobb
Mr. Stephen Samson	Mr. Joseph Rider
Mr. Stephen Churchill	Mr. James Drew &

Mr. Jesse Harlow a committe of observation to attend the conduct of ministerial tools and Jacobites in this town & report their names to the town from time to time, that it may take effectual measures for either silenceing or expelling them from this community.

(N. B. All the above votes were unanimous).

[**333.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 6th of March A Domini 1775. Deacn John Torrey was Chosen Moderator .

Ephraim Spooner chosen Town Clerk.

Mr. Benjamin Rider, Collo Theophilus Cotton, Deacn John Torrey, Mr. Nathaniel Morton Junr & Ephraim Spooner chosen selectmen.

John Cotton Esqr, Deacn John Torrey, Mr. John Blackmer chosen Assessors said Jno Cotton Esqr & Deacon Torrey were sworn in town meeting by Thomas Mayhew Esqr.

John Cotton Esqr chosen Town Treasurer & sworn by Thomas Mayhew Esqr.

Then the votes for a County Treasurer were brought in & sealed up in town meeting by Mr. Bartlett Lebaron Constable & deliverd to him to keep.

Then voted to have the following schools kept in town the Presant year (over & above the Grammer School in the Center of the town) viz:

Six months in Manument pond viz 4 mo in the Center of the precinct & 2 months in the neighborhood of Thomas Ellis's.

Four months in Wellingsley
Four months in Eellriver
Three months in the Northerly part of the town.
One month in the neighborhood of Isaac Jacksons.

Then made choice of the following Committes for supplyg the sd schools with suteable Schoolmasters viz: James WarrenEsqr, Deacn John Torrey & Capt. Elkanah Watson for the Grammer school.

Messrs Benjamin Cornish Junr, John Blackmer, Israel Clark for the school at the Center of Manument ponds.

Messrs Eleazer Ellis & Seth Mendall for the southermost part of sd Precinct.

Messrs Ezekiel Morton, Ebenezer Bartlett & Phillip Leonard for the school at Eellriver.

Messrs Ichabod Holmes, Nathaniel Morton Junr, & Samuel Bartlett for the school at Wellingslee.

[**334.**] Messrs Collo Theophilus Cotton, Ebenezr Nellson, Elijah Dammon for the school at the North End of the Town.

Messrs Isaac Jackson & Benjamin Lucas for the school at the West End of the Town.

Then voted to allow the Collectors for the present year the same premium & on the same conditions viz twelve pence on the pound for collecting & paying in the towns money they Giveing bonds with suretys to save the town harmless on their account, And allso they to pay in the whole of the money they may be ordered to collect & finish their accounts with the Treasurer's within two years from the date of the tax bills that may be delivered them. It is not Intended by this vote to Prevent the Treasurers Issuing their Executions against those persons that shall not pay in the money they may be ordered to Collect by the time mentioned in their Respective Warrents. Then made Choice of Deacn John Torrey, Mr. Ephraim Cobb & William Watson Esqr a committe to hire a Collector or Collectors for the town (Excepting Manument Ponds Precinct) on the best terms they can, & report to the town at the Adjournment of this meeting.

William Bartlett chosen constable.

Then voted to Excuse Manument Ponds Precinct from paying any part of the Extraordinary expence of hireing a Collector the Presant year.

Messrs Collo Theophilus Cotton, Majr Thomas Lothrop, Benjamin Rider, Benjamin Cornish, Stephen Churchill, Phillip Leonard were chosen surveyors of The Highways.

Then voted not to take any Alewives for sail in the town brook the Present year & not more than two hundred barrells in the brook that runs out of halfway pond & herring pond brook.

Messrs Ezekiel Morton, William Warren were chosen to take care of the herring brook at Eellriver Deacn John Torrey Mr. Stephen Churchill & Ephraim Spooner were chosen to take care of the Town Brook agreeable to Law.

Then the act respecting the observation of the Sabath & the choice & Duty of Wardens was read after which Messrs

Benjamin Morton	John Cotton Junr
Ebenezer Bartlett &	John Goodwin
James Clark	Joseph Croswell Junr

were chosen Wardens.

[**335.**] The following Persons were chosen into the respective offices below mentioned.

Messrs James Drew, Stephen Churchill, Thomas Jackson Junr Guagers of Cask & Packers fish.

Messrs Elijah Dammon, James Doten Junr, & Seth Mendall Tytheingmen.

Messrs Benjamin Drew & Thomas Spooner Sealers of Leather.

Messrs Levi Drew, Solomon Atwood Junr, Stevens Mason, Zadock Barrows, Lemuel Holmes, George Bartlett, William Clark, William Donham, Zacheus Barnes, Ichabod Holmes, Samuel Sherman & James Shurtleff hogreeves.

Messrs William Watson Esqr & Samuel Cole clerks of the Market.

Messrs Amaziah Churchill, Thomas Davie, Thomas Southworth Howland, Robert Bartlett, Eleazer Churchill, Thomas Jackson Junr, Eben Nellson, Jonathan Churchill, & Ichabod Holmes cullers of Fish.

Messrs Phillip Leonard, Samuel Nick Nellson, Ichabod Holmes, Isaac Symmes, Samuel Battles, Capt. Zacheus Bartlett fence viewers & field Drivers.

Messrs James Warren Esqr, Thomas Jackson Junr, John Torrey, Elkanah Watson, Ichabod Holmes & Benjamin Cornish Junr firewards.

Messrs Abial Shurtleff, Lemuel Drew, Nathaniel Barnes,

David Turner, William Savery, John Waterman, & David Lothrop surveyors of Lumber.

Messrs Thomas Jackson Junr, Stephen Churchill, James Drew & Lemuel Drew surveyors clapbords & shingles & viewers & cullers, staves & hoop.

Messrs Abraham Howland, Benjamin Lucas, Amaziah Churchill Deere reeves.

Messrs James Warren Esqr, Nathaniel Morton Junr, Phillip Leonard, Josiah Morton Junr, Samuel Bartlett committe to take Care of Plimouth Beach.

[**336.**] At sd meeting The following persons were chose into the Respective offices below mentioned.

William Watson Esqr, Doctr Nathaniel Lothrop & Ephraim Spooner a committe to examine the schollers to be admitted into the Grammer School.

William Watson Esqr, Capt. Elkanah Watson & Ephraim Spooner a Committe to hire a sexton & to allow him eight pounds sallery for the Presant year.

Messrs Stephen Samson, Thomas Jackson Junr Isaac Jackson, Joseph Rider, Ichabod Holmes, Benjamin Cornish & Seth Morton were chosen a Committe* to fire the woods in this town at a Proper time & prevent the fires burning the wood lotts in this town.

Messrs Phillip Leonard, Benjamin Cornish & John Blackmer a committe to take Care of halfway pond brook agreeable to Law.

Then voted the severall Collectors In this town that owe money to this Province shall pay the same into the Town Treasurer.

Then unanimously made choice of the Revd Mr. Samuel Baldwin to preach a sermon in this town on the twenty-second of Decembr next being the anniversary of our forefathers first landing in this Place. And made choice of William Watson Esqr, Deacn John Torrey & Mr. Isaac Lothrop a Committe to present sd vote to sd Gentleman.

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* An Act was passed by the General Court in 1754 providing "That it shall and may be lawful for any town or proprietors of (woodlands) to give order for the setting fire in the lands to them respectively belonging, and to choose two or more persons for that service, who shall appoint times for that purpose, and give seasonable notice thereof in the town where such lands lie, and to the selectmen of such adjacent town near the borders whereof the woods may be that are to be set on fire as aforesaid." The object was to keep the underbrush kept down so that no sweeping fire could occur.

Then voted & made choice of Deacn John Torrey, Nathaniel Morton Junr, Jesse Harlow, Collo Theophilus Cotton, Ephraim Spooner, Capt. Elkanah Watson, Thomas Mayhew Esqr, Thomas Jackson Junr & Capt. Thomas Jackson a Committe to take into Consideration the matter of the fishing vessels sailing from this place the Presant spring & report to the town at the adjournment of this meeting what they think proper for the town, or those that are concerned in the fishery to do in that affair.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 20th day of March Instant to 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

[337.] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth on Monday ye 20th of March 1775 by Adjournment from the 6th Instant. The committe appointed to consider the matter of the Fishing Vessells sailing from this town this spring, Reported it was their opinion that Considering the alarming Circumstances of our publick affairs it is not expedient for the fishing vessels to sail now & it is Proper for this town to Recommend to the owners of the sd vessells & the men Going therein not to sail untill the first week in April next.

Then voted to receive said report & Recommended it to the town universally to comply with the proposals abovesd.

Messrs Ezekiel Morton & Jeremiah Holmes were added to the Committe for taking care of the herring in halfway pond Brook.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 27th Currant to 3 a clock P M

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth at the Court house in Plimouth on ye 27th of March 1775 by Adjournment from ye 20th Instant. Mr. Bartlett Lebaron was chosen Constable. Then this meeting was adjourned to Monday the 8th of May Next to three of the Clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth at the Court house in Plimouth April 28th A D 1775 Deacn John Torrey chosen Moderator.

Then voted to build a brest work for fireing the cannon in this town.

Then made choice of Majr Thomas Lothrop, Capt. William Weston. Mr. Stephen Samson, Doctr William Thomas & Capt. Nathl Torrey a committe to build a brest work on Coal's hill & Barnes's Point at one or boath of said Places as the said committe shall think Proper.

Then Voted to procure thirteen hundred of cannon shot of various sizes for this town.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth at the Court house in Plimouth on ye 8th day of May Anno Domini 1775 by Adjournment from ye 20th of March last. At sd meeting Voted as to the matter of a Collector or Collectors the Committe that were chosen to hire them be Desired, as soon as they can to procure a Collector or Collectors as reasonable as may be and make report to the town at the adjournment of this meeting. Then this meeting was Adjourned to ye 3d day of July next to 3 of the Clock in the afternoon.

[**338.**] The Selectmen of the Town for 1775 & ye Treasurer sd year.

Dr—

To Cash of Lemuel Morton	12	0	0
To Cash of Ephm Spooner he received of Cornelius White	3	0	0
To Cash of Joseph Bartlett Junr	2	16	0
To Cash of Capt Thomas Jackson	15	0	0
To Cash of George Watson Esqr April 21st last	4	16	0
To Cash of said Watson ys Day pr Ephm Spooners Rect	45	0	0
To Cash of William Watson Esqr	60	0	0
To Cash of Collo Warren	7	10	0
To Do of Davis & Spooner	12	0	0
To Do of Barnabs Hedge	30	0	0

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By Cash pd to Sundry people that Supplyd Money as chargd viz:			
To George Watson Esqr	45	0	0
To Capt Thos Jacksons Heirs	15	0	0
To William Watson Esqr	60	0	0
To Colo Warren	7	10	0
To Davis & Spooner	12	0	0
To Capt Barnabs Hedge	30	0	0
	169	10	0

The above was pd pr William Watson Esqr & Ephraim Spooner it haveing been layd out to purchase a Quantity of Pork that they used for victualing the Soldiers Quarterd In this town. By orders Drawn on the Town Treasur for the sums chargd on the other side as Below viz:

in favour of Mr Lemuel Morton for	12	0	0
in favour of Ephm Spooner for	3	0	0
in favour of Mr Jo. Bartlett Junr for	2	16	0

[**339.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth ye 24th of May A D 1775 Voted unanmiously not to choose any Person or Persons to serve for & Represent this town at a Great & Gener-

all Court appointed to be held at the Court house in Boston on the 31st of May Instant.

Then made choice of John Cotton Esqr Moderator. Then unanimously made choice of The Honourable James Warren Esqr & Mr. Isaac Lothrop to Represent this town at the next Provincial Congress to be held at the meeting house in Watertown on the 31st of May Instant.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth June 5th 1775.

Thomas Mayhew Esqr chosen Moderator, William Watson Esqr was chosen Selectman in the room of Mr. Benjamin Rider Deceasd. Then made choice of

Deacn Jonathan Diman
Mr. Samuel Jackson
Mr. Andrew Croswell
& Wr. William Weston as an addition to the Committe of communication & Correspondance for this town & that seven of sd Committe the chairman being one shall be a Quorum of sd committee.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 27th of July A D 1775. The Honourable James Warren Esqr was chosen to represent this town in the Great & Generall Court appointed to be held & kept at the meeting house in Watertown the 19th day of July Instant.

Then voted the money raised the last year for repairing the roads in this town be applyd to the other needfull charges of the town it not being needed for the woods as aforesaid.

Then voted & made choice of Deacn John Torrey, Mr. Samuel Jackson, Mr. Stephen Samson, William Watson Esqr & Ephraim Spooner a committe to repair to Monk's hill so called & If they think Proper to erect a Beacon thereon to be an alarm to the neighboring towns in case this town should be attacked by their enemys.

[**340.**] At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth July 31st 1775. Thomas Mayhew Esqr chosen Moderator. Then voted to choose a committe of 24 persons to make Dilligent Enquirey if any Person in this town shall shute at fowls of any kind & If any one Does they to return their names to the town & the town to Direct what they think Proper to be Don in that Case & accordingly made choice of

Messrs Silvanus Bartlett	Amaziah Churchill
Deacn Elisha Holmes	Samuel Jackson
Benjamin Rider	Silvanus Harlow
Phillip Leonard	Stephen Samson
William Clark	William Weston
William Clark Junr	Job Cobb
William Warren	Jacob Taylor
Robert Finney	John Cobb
Nathaniel Morton Junr	Elijah Dammon
Jesse Harlow	Samuel Nick: Nellson
Eleazer Churchill Junr	& Joseph Rider

Jesse Churchill

a Committe for that Purpose.

Then voted to choose a Committe of 5 persons to Enquire the Price & Quantity of Powder that may be needed in this Town they to report at the Adjournment of this meeting, and accordingly made choice of Mr. Ephraim Cobb, Thomas Mayhew Esqr, Mr. Silvanus Bartlett, Mr. Ichabod Holmes, & Jeremiah Howes a Committe for that purpose. Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 14th of August next, to 3 a clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held in the Court house in Plimouth ye 14th day of August by Adjournment from the 31st of July last.

Voted the town will Purchase all the Powder in town that Mr. Corban Barnes & Capt Samuel Ellis brought into it from the West Indies Excepting so much as the Proprietors theirof need.

Then voted this town will Direct that all such Persons that will contrary to the vote of this town shute at fowls of any kind till further order of this Town shall have their fire arms taken from them & they reputed as notorious offenders, and have their names entered on the towns book accordingly.

Then voted & made choice of

Messrs Ephraim Cobb
Samuel Cole
Andrew Croswell Junr

a committe to open some of the towns powder & dispose of it to such persons & at such a Price as they think Proper.

[**341.**] At said meeting the Committe appointed by the Committe of Correspondance for this town to engage a number of Persons to take care of the Battery & the Guns thereto

belonging in this town haveing Procured a number of Persons to do sd business laid their names before the town for their approbation & allowance, said persons were approved of by the town, they were [The names do not appear in the Records.—Ed.]

At a meeting of the Town of Plymouth Legally assembled & held in the Court house in Plymouth Septr 25 1775.

Thomas Mayhew Esqr chosen moderator. Then voted to choose a Temporary clerk by reason of the necessary absence of the Town Clerk, according made choice of William Watson Esqr clerk for the present meeting.

Then voted to Adjourn this meeting to Monday the 2 Day of October next at three a clock in ye afternoon; to which time said meeting stands adjourned.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Tuesday ye 7th of Novr 1775, Deacn John Torrey chosen moderator.

Then this meeting was adjourned to Monday ye 13th of Novr Instant to 3 a clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Novr 13th 1775 by Adjournment from ye 7th Instant.

Voted to Raise the sum of three hundred pounds Lawfull money to Defrey the charges of the town the Currant year.

Then voted that the surplussage of the taxes this year shall not exceed twenty pounds Lawfull money. Allso voted the town & county tax shall be boath made together in one & the same bills the presant year.

[**342.**] At said meeting voted to choose a committe of five persons to make Enquiry whether they can get any Person or Persons to keep the poor people that are now supported by the Town & at what Price or any part of them allso to Give their Advice to the town what is best to be done respecting them, And then made Choice of

Messrs Silvanus Bartlett
Stephen Churchill
Thomas Jackson
Zacheus Bartlett &
James Doten to be said committe.

Then voted the Committe Abovesd make Enquiry of Mrs. Mary Donham & know on what terms she will sell her wood lott neere where the new Pest house stands & report to the town what they think Proper for the town to do in the Premises.

Then voted the Honourable James Warren Esqr & Deacn John Torrey be a committe to Petition the Generall Court to Grant Liberty to this town to choose a Collector or Collectors for the Presant year we haveing neglected doing it in March Last as by Law Directed. Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday the 11th of Decembr next.

At a meeting of the Town of Plymouth Decr 11th by adjournment from ye 13th of Novembr last.

Voted that the committe for Enquireing Respectg the wood lott of Mary Donham & the support of the Poor in this Town be Desired to Report at the Adjournment of this meeting.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday Decr 25th 3 a clock P. M.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Decr 25th by adjournment from the 11th Currant, Deacn John Torrey the Moderator being absent Doctr William Thomas was Chosen Moderator for the day.

Then Voted & made choice of Messrs Silvanus Bartlett, Zacheus Bartlett, James Doten, Thomas Jackson & Seth Morton a Committe to Procure subscription for the support of the Poor viz: Endeavour to Get some persons to lend the town some money for that purpose, they to make report to the town at the Adjournment of this meeting.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 8th of Janry next to 3 a Clock P. M.

[**343.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth at the Court house In Plimouth Decembr 25th A D 1775.

Doctr William Thomas chosen Moderator. Then Voted to allow Mr. Joseph Crocker* our late school master Intrest for what money this town owes him from this day till It's paid.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Janry 8th 1776 by Adjournment from ye 25th of Decembr last.

Voted to buy the wood lott belonging to Mrs. Mary Donham where the new Pest house stands suppos'd to be about ten acres & to Give her eighteen Pounds Lawfull money for the same. Then voted & chose Deacn John Torrey, Mr. Stephen Samson & Mr. Ichabod Holmes a committe to purchase said lott for the town & in ye Town's Behalf to take a Deed & Give security for the money. And to make report to the town at the next town meeting.

* Joseph Crocker graduated at Harvard in 1774, and died in 1797.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 15th day of Janry 1776 Deacn John Torrey chosen Moderator.

Then voted & made Choice of Messrs Silvanus Bartlett, Jonathan Diman & Stephen Samson a committe to hire a Collector or Collectors for this town for the year 1775 on the best terms they can & make report to the town at the Adjournment of this meeting. Then voted and maid choice of William Watson Esqr, Mr. Stephen Samson & Mr. Samuel Jackson a Committee to wait on the Revd Samuel Baldwin with the thanks of this town for his Ingenious & Learned discourse delivered in this place on the 22nd day of Decembr last Being the Anniversary of the landing of our fathers in this Place. Then this meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 29th Instant 2 a Clock P. M.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Janry 29th Anno Domini 1776 by adjournment from the 15th Instant.

The Committe Chosen to procure a Collector for 1775 Reported they had hired Mr. Stephen Samson to do said business for the sum of Fifteen pounds Lawfull money, Said Samson appeared in town meeting & manifested his willingness to do said business for that sum & if any person would do said business for less money they were willing. Accordingly the same was put up to sail to the Lowest Bidder and after several bidds made

[**344.**] by divers persons it was struck off to Mr. Stephen Samson for the sum of eleven pounds ten shillings Lawfull money more than the commissions of 12d pr pound as Voted at March meeting.

Then made choice of sd Stephen Samson Collector for the whole Town Except Manument ponds Precinct.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth January 29th D D 1776, Deacn John Torrey was chosen Moderator. Then Voted & made choice of

Majr Thomas Lothrop	Mr. Nathl Lewis
Capt Thomas Nickolson	Mr. Thomas Jackson
Mr. Samuel Harlow	Capt William Weston &

Mr. Stephen Samson

a committe to make Experiments & find out the easiest

method to make saltpeter & to report to the town what they think Proper for this town to do in that affair.

Then Voted & made choice of William Watson Esqr, The Honourabl James Warren Esqr, John Torrey Esqr, Capt William Weston & Mr. Stephen Samson a committe to confer with the Neighboring towns of Kingston & Duxboro & Desire them to join with us in Petitioning the General Court to build a fort on or neere the Point of our beach for the Defence of this town & harbour or Grant us such other assistance as they shall think Proper.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday the 12th day of Febry next to 2 a Clock afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 12th Febry 1776 by adjournment from ye 12th Instant, Voted & made choice of the Committe Abovesd viz:

The Honourable James Warren Esqr, William Watson Esqr, John Torrey Esqr a committe to join with the Committes of Kingston & Duxboro to Petition his Excellency Generall Washington Desireing him to assist us to build a fort for the defence of this harbour at said place as he shall think best.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 26th Instant to 3 a Clock P. M.

[**345.**] At a meeting of the The Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 11th March A D 1776, John Torrey Esqr chosen Moderator.

Ephraim Spooner chosen Town Clerk & sworn pr John Cotton Esqr, John Cotton Esqr, Thomas Mayhew Esqr Doctr Nathaniel Lothrop, Mr. Silvanus Bartlett & Mr. Eleazr Stephens chosen selectmen.

John Cotton Esqr, John Torrey Esqr & Mr. John Blackmer chosen Assessors John Cotton Esqr & Jno Torrey Esqr were sworn pr Thomas Mayhew Esqr.

John Cotton Esqr chosen Town Treasurer & sworn pr Esqr Mayhew.

Then the Proclamation of the Generall Court Respecting the Scituation of this Colony & America being Invaded by our Enemy's and for the reformation of manners was read.

Then voted to keep the same number of schools & under the same Regulations as the last year, Giveing liberty to the

neighbourhood of Isaac Jackson if they keep a school for the Instruction of Chilldren to Draw out of the town treasurey two pounds thirteen shillings & 4d to Defray the Expense it being the usual sum the town paid that neighbourhood for school. Then the votes for a County Treasurer & County Register were seperately brought in & seald up in Seperate papers in town meeting by Bartlett Lebaron Constable who took sd votes to Deliver to the Court.

Then made choice of the following persons on Committes to supply the several schools in town with suteable schoolmasters &c viz:

The Honourable James Warren Esqr, Deacn John Torrey & Capt Elkanah Watson to supply the Grammer school.

Messrs Benjamin Cornish Junr, John Blackmer & Israel Clark to supply the school in the Center of Manument Ponds.

Messrs Eleazer Ellis & Seth Mendall to supply the school in their Neighbourhood.

Messrs Ezekiel Morton, Ebenezr Bartlett & Phillip Leonard to supply the school at Eellriver.

Messrs Ichabod Holmes, Nathl Morton Junr, & Samuel Bartlett to supply the school at Wellingslee.

Messrs Theophilus Cotton Esqr, Ebenezer Nellson & Elijah Dammon to supply the school at the North End the Town.

Messrs Isaac Jackson & Benjamin Lucas to supply the school at the West End the Town.

[**346.**] At sd meeting Voted the Collector the same Premium & on the same condition as the last year.

Then voted & made choice of Colo Theo Cotton, Mr. Silvanus Bartlett & Ephraim Spooner a committe to hire a Collector or Collectors for the whole town excepting Manument Ponds Precinct. Thomas Ellis chosen Constable.

Then voted & made choice of

Messrs John Torrey	William Weston
James Doten	Nathaniel Morton Junr
Thomas Mayhew	Nathaniel Lothrop
Andrew Croswell Junr	Jonathan Diman
James Drew	Theophilus Cotton
Thomas Lothrop	Silvanus Bartlett

John Cotton Esqr

a Committe of Correspondc &c.

Messrs Theophilus Cotton, Thomas Lothrop & John Cotton Esqr for Reason's Desired to be excused from serving on said Committe & The Honourable James Warren Esqr, William Watson Esqr & Capt Elkanah Watson were chosen Committe men in their Room.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to ye 25th Currant to 3 a Clock P. M.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth at the Court house in Plimo the 25th day of March by Adjournment from ye 11th past. The Weather being Cold & but five people Appeared Therefore the Meeting was Adjourned to Monday April 1st to 2 a Clock P. M.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday the 25th March 1776 for the Choice of Jurors.

Messrs John Waterman & Nathl Shurtleff were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury for the year Ensuing.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth the 1st day of April 1776 by Adjournment from ye 25th of March last.

Messrs Zacheus Bartlett, Theophilus Cotton, Thomas Lothrop, Stephen Churchill, Phillip Leonard & Benjamin Cornish chosen surveyors of the Highways.

Then voted not to take any Alewives in the town brook for sail the Presant year, And not above two hundred barrells in the brook runing out of half way pond.

Then voted & chose Mr. Ezekiel Morton & Mr. William Warren a committe to take care of Eellriver herring brook.

[**347.**] Messrs Jesse Harlow, Silvanus Harlow, Stephen Churchill & James Doten a committe to take care of the Town brook.

Messrs Phillip Leonard, Benjamin Cornish & John Blackmer chosen a committe to take care of halfway pond brook.

Then made choice of the following officers viz:

Messrs James Drew, Stephen Churchill & Thomas Jackson chosen Guagers of Casks & packers of fish.

Messrs Joseph Rider, Doctr William Thomas & James Harlow chosen Tytheingmen.

Messrs Benjamin Drew & Thomas Spooner chosen Sealers of Leather.

Messrs Levi Drew, Solomon Atwood Junr, Stevens Mason, Zadock Barrows, Lemuel Holmes, George Bartlett, Wil-

liam Clark, William Donham, Zacheus Barnes, Ichabod Holmes, Samuel Sherman & James Shurtleff chosen Hogreeves.

Messrs William Watson Esqr, & Samuel Cole chosen clerks of the market.

Messrs Amaziah Churchell, Thomas Davee, Thomas So Howland, Robert Bartlett, Eleazer Churchill, Thomas Jackson, Ebenezer Nellson, Jonathan Churchill &Ichabod Holmes chosen Cullers of fish.

Messrs Silvanus Bartlett, Isaac Symmes, Thomas Southh Howland, Zacheus Bartlett, Elijah Dammon, & George Ellis chosen fence viewers & field Drivers.

Messrs James Warren & John Torrey Esqrs, Thomas Jackson, Elkanah Watson & Ichabod Holmes chosen firewards.

Messrs Lemuel Drew, Abial Shurtleff, Nathaniel Barnes, James Shurtleff, John Waterman & David Lothrop chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

Messrs Thomas Jackson, Stephen Churchill, James Drew & Lemuel Drew chosen viewers & Cullers of staves & hoops & surveyors of Clapbords & shingles.

Messrs Abraham Howland, Samuel Ellis & Isaac Jackson chosen Deer reeves.

Messrs James Warren Esqr, Nathaniel Morton, Phillip Leonard, Josiah Morton Junr & Samuel Bartlett chosen to take care of our Beach agreeable to Law.

[**348.**] William Watson Esqr, Doctr Nathaniel Lothrop & Ephraim Spooner chosen a committe to examine the scholler to be Admitted into the Grammr school.

William Watson Esqr, Capt. Elkanah Watson & Ephraim Spooner chosen a committe to Procure a sexton & to allow him eight pounds pr year.

Messrs Stephen Samson, Thomas Jackson, Isaac Jackson, Joseph Rider, Ichabod Holmes, Benjamin Cornish Junr & Seth Morton were chosen a committe to fire the woods in town at a Proper time & thereby Prevent the fire's burning the Lotts of wood in Town.

Then the act respecting the observation of the Lord's days & the choice & Duty of Wards was read after which

Messrs William Harlow Junr, Samuel Sherman, Samuel Battles, Samuel Harlow & Seth Holmes were chosen Wardens.

Stephen Churchill chosen Constable & sworn pr Thomas Mayhew Esqr.

Then voted the Presant Given the Town for the use of the Poor by Capt Thomas Davis being fifteen pounds Lawfull money be paid to the selectmen for sd purpose. And that the thanks of the Town be Given Capt Thomas Davis for his Generosity in makeing said Presant and that Ephraim Spooner be a committe to Present the same.

Then this meeting was adjourn'd to Monday ye 15th Instant to 3 a Clock P. M.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth ye 15th April 1776 by Adjournment from ye 1st Currant. The Town met & on account the Admiralty Courts now setting in sd house the meeting was adjourned to the Meeting house in the first Precinct in Plimouth.

At the meeting in said meeting house The committe appointed to hire a Collector. Reported they had hired Mr. Stephen Churchill to be Collector for the Presant year for the sum of fifteen pounds Lawfull money over & above the Commissions usually allowd. Said Churchill came into meeting & Declared his willingness to serve in sd office.

Then voted to give said Churchill said sum of fifteen pounds over & above the Premiums aforesd, he Giveing bonds with sufficiant Suretys to save the town harmless on his account.

[**349.**] At a meeting of the town of Plimouth assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on fryday ye 9th day May 1776 for the choice of Jurors to serve at the Admrilty Court to be holden at Plimouth ye 15th day of May Instant.

Said meeting was Adjourned to ye 10th currant to 10 a Clock A. M.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth May 10th 1776 by Adjournment from ye 9th Currant.

Messrs John Waterman, Elnathan Holmes, Nathl Carver & Joseph Holmes were chosen to serve on the Jury at the Admirlty court to be holden at Plimouth ye 15th Day of May Instant.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 20th May A D 1776. Voted to choose two Representatives the Presant year.

Accordingly made choice of The Honourable James Warner Esqr.

& Isaac Lothrop Esqr were chosen Representatives to serve for & Represent this town at the Great & Generall court to be Convened held & Kept for the service of the Colony at the meeting house in Watertown on the last Wednesday of May Currant.

Then John Cotton Esqr was chosen Moderator.

Then voted & Made Choice of John Torrey William Watson & Theophilus Cotton Esqr a Committee to Draw up Some proper Instructions for our Representatives & report to the town as soon as they Can.

Then made Choice of the Revd Mr. Silvanus Conant to preach a sermon in this town on the 23rd day of December next ye 22nd of Sd month being ye Sabath in Commemoration of the first landing of our fathers in this place. Then made Choice of Thomas Meyhew Esqr Thomas Lothrop Esqr Ephraim Spooner a Committe to Present Sd vote to the Revd Mr. Conant & Desire his Complyance therewith.

Then voted to Pay Mrs. Elizabeth Bartlett Widdow the Sum of twenty one pounds fifteen Shillings & nine pence as pr order of Mr Joseph Crocker our late Schoolmaster on account of the town Debt to him & Interest from ye 25th of Decembr last, And Allso the sum of four pounds & four pence to Samuel Bartlett Junr as pr Sd Mr. Crockers order & Interest from ye 25th of Decr Abovesd on account as abovesd.

[**350.**] Then the town took into Consideration the request of their Committe for takeing Care of the town brook the Presant year. Viz. Whereas Said Committe a few days past found Several person Catching herrings neere Billington Sea contrary to the Direction's of the Law, Who they say Abused them

Therefore Voted that If said offenders make Proper Concessions to the sd Committe they be Desired to pass it by.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to tomorrow to 3 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth May 21st 1776 by Adjournment from ye 20th Currant. The Committe Appointed to make a Draft of Instructions to be Given to our Representatives reported as follows viz.

To the Honorable James Warren Esqr & Isaac Lothrop Esqr.
Gentlemen

As we have this day Chose you to represent us in the Great & Generall Court of this Colony & as Matters of the Greatest Importance must necessarily come before you in the Course of this year we your Constituents (haveing an undoubted Right) do Instruct and in the most Solemn Manner Charge you, that you use all your Influence that you exert Every power in you Vested in Defence of the Rights, the Liberty's and Property's of the American Colonies in Generall & of this Colony in Particular in opposition to the impious effort of the proud the Imperious & worse than Savage Court of Great Brittain which Seems to be lost to Every Sense of Justice & determined to deluge all America in Blood & carnage, unless we by a tame unmanly Submission will put ourselves in their power to be Controlled by them as they please in all Cases Whatsoever.

We Your Constituents resenting such Insolent & Notoriously unjust demands of the Brittish Parliament & of their Tyrannic King do Instruct you.

1st That you without Hesitation be ready to declare for Independence on Great Brittain in whom no Confidence Can be Placed Provided the Honourable the Continental Congress shall think that measure necessary and we for our parts do assure you that we will stand by the Determination of the Continentall Congress in this Important & as we think Very Necessary measure at the Risque of our lives & fortunes.

[**351.**] 2dly We wish you to use your Influence that Such a form of Government may be adopted as may appear most Salutary & which may bid Fairest to Ensure a permanent harmony to the Colonys & the weal, happiness & Prosperity of America to the latest Posterity. In Particular we Recommend it to you to use your Influence that Executive & Legislative officers in the Government do not meet in one & the Same Person.

Plimouth May 20th 1776

John Torrey
Theophilus Cotton
William Watson

Then a vote was Called to know if the town will accept Sd report, it Passed in the affirmative Unanimously.

Then the town in Consideration of Mr. Nathan Spears Verry Manly deportment while he Resided in this town & in particular for his Generous Donations to the Poor & upon other occasions return to him their hearty thanks & wish him Every felicity that this world, as well as a better can afford and do assure him that a verry Gratefull sence of his Kindness is deeply riveted in their hearts.

And made Choice of Deacn John Torrey & William Watson Esqr a Committe to Present sd Vote.

Then a vote of an Association to be Signd by the Inhabitants Respecting paying their taxes was read & is as follows Viz.

[A blank follows in the records.—Ed.]

[**352.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth June 6th A D 1776.

Messrs Ebenezr Nellson Isaac Jackson Nathaniel Morton & Nathaniel Barnes were Chosen to Serve on the Jury at the Court of Admirilty to be holden at Plimo on ye 13th day of June Currant.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth July 1st 1776 Messrs Samuel Jackson Isaac Symmes Seth Harlow & Joseph Bartlett Junr Were Chosen to Serve on the Jury at the Court of Admrilty to be holden at Plimouth ye 5th day of July Currant.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth ye 6th day of August A D 1776

Messrs Samuel Cole Thomas Lothrop Esqr Lemuel Morton & Thomas Spooner were Chosen to Serve on the Jury at the next Court of Admrilty to be holden at Plimouth ye 6th day of Augst Currant.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Septembr 24th 1776.

Messrs Silvanus Bartlett Eleazer Stephens Thomas Jackson & Ebenezr Samson were Chosen to Serve on the Jury at the next Court of Admrilty to be holden at Plimouth ye 1st day of Octr next.

At a Meeting of the town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Septr 30th A D 1776.

Messrs Jonathan Diman Jeremiah Howes Silvanus Bramhall Were Chosen to Serve on the Grand Jury

& Messrs James Doten Nathaniel Morton Junr & Samuel Bartlett Were Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury

All at the next Inferiour Court of Judicature &c to be holden at Plimouth by Adjournment on the 22nd day of Octobr next.

[**353.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Octr 14th 1776

John Torrey Esqr Chosen Moderator.

Then the meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 21st Currant to 2 a Clock P M.

At a meeting of the town of Plimo Octr 21st 1776 by Adjournment from the 14th Currant.

Voted & made Choice of Mr Eleaz Stephens, Mr Silvanus Bartlett & Mr James Doten a Committee to Examine all the Accounts against this town for building a fort on Coles *hill the last year.

Then voted & made Choice of

John Cotton Esqr	Mr Joseph Croswell
Thomas Mayhew Esqr	John Torrey Esqr
Collo Theo Cotton	Mr Silvanus Bartlett
William Watson Esqr	Mr James Doten
Mr Stephen Samson	Mr Nathaniel Morton
Doctr William Thomas	Mr Eleazr Stephens
Mr Joshua Thomas	Deacn Jona Diman &

Mr Ichabod Holmes a committe to take Into Consideration that Parregraf of the Warrent respecting the Constituteing a form of Civil Government in this State & report to the town what they think Proper for the town to do in that Case at the Adjournment of this meeting.

Then This meeting was Adjourned to tuesday the 29th Currant to two of the Clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth the 29th Octobr A D 1776 by Adjournment from the 21st Currant.

The report of the Committe Chosen to take into Consideration the Parregraph in the Warrent Respecting forming Civil Government in this State Reported as follows Viz—

The Sd Committee being met and having maturely Con-

* Forts were erected on Cole's Hill in 1742, and during the wars of the revolution and of 1812.

sidered the matter do recommend the following draught of votes to be passed by the town—

first—That having allready given instructions to their Representatives to join with the other Representatives in forming a plan of Government for this Colony they think it needless at present to act any further in the affair save to Express their Appreciation of that Clause in the proposal that the Council Should act as one body or by Equal voice with the House in this Transaction.

[**354.**] 2nd that they think it highly Expedient yea necessary when a Plan of Government is formed that it Be presented to the Severall towns in this State, not meerly for their Inspection & Revisal but allso for their Approbation & Concurrance, & that it be not finally passed or rattified unless a Majority of the Towns fully Concurr in the Draught so presented. This town by no means consenting that the presant Generall Assembly Should act anything Relative to Government but upon this Express Condition.

Reported pr order & in the name of the Committee
John Cotton Chairman

Then voted to put off the Consideration of Said report till the Adjournment of this meeting.

Whereas this town at their meeting ye 3rd of January A D 1775 by Adjournment from ye 29th of Decembr 1774 voted that the Selectmen & Town Treasurer Should hire or otherways procure a Sum of money equal to the Province Tax, and also as much money as is now due from this Town to the Province that is in any Constables Hands to collect; and pay the same directly in to Henry Gardner Esqr the present Treasurer or his Successor. And again at a Town Meeting held January 27 1775 the said Town voted, that the Selectmen & Town Treasurer Should hire or procure a Sum of Money to purchase Arms for the Towns use as soon as might be. And whereas in pursuance of the said orders of the Town the Said Selectmen and Treasurer did on the 28th of January following hire the Sum of one hundred Pounds Lawful money of William Sever Esqr & soon after the further sum of three Hundred & fifty Pounds Lawful money of James Pitts Esqr; and gave bonds for the same on Interest payable in one year; Which Sums have been nearly expended in manner as prescribed by

the Town, as appears by the Province Treasurers Receipts & by Accounts exhibited by the Selectmen

It is therefore now voted by the Said Town of Plimouth that they will repay the Said Sums borrowed of the said Pitts & Sever according to contract with Interest, and that they will forever indemnify Said Selectmen and Treasurer who signed the said bonds obligatory Viz. John Torrey, Theophilus Cotton, Nathaniel Morton, Ephraim Spooner & John Cotton & save them harmless from all Loss, Damage & Trouble that may accrue to them by Virtue of their being bound as aforesaid, upon Proviso or Condition that whereas their remains of the £100 hired of Mr Sever the Sum of 6-17-4d in the hands of Ephraim Spooner not

[**355.**] Expended, That the Said Sum be paid Into the town Treasury to be repaid to Mr Sever.

It is allso Voted that the money Due from the Continent for 22 Guns purchased by Sd Selectmen with the money aforesd & Deliverd to Capt Thomas Mayhew Junr for the use of his Soldiers amountg to 59-0-8d be paid into the Town Treasury, as soon as Received out of the Continentall Treasury or the Treasury for this State which money is to be applied towards the payment of the afore recited Bonds.

Allso Voted that the fifteen Guns remaining purchased with the money aforesd be under the Care of the Selectmen for the Towns use In Case they Can be found.

Then Voted the Selectmen be Desired to view the Town Clock So Calld and If they think Proper, They to Get it Cleaned & put in order at the Expence of the town.

Then Voted & Chose Mr Silvanus Bartlett Thomas Mayhew Esqr & Mr Eleazer Stephens a Committe to Settle the Town Treasurers accott & report to the town as soon as they Can.

Then the Jury Boxes were renewed agreeable to the Law of this State made & Provided.

Then voted that an Hospittall be procured within the bounds of this Town for Inoculating with the Small Pox as soon as may be.

Then Voted & made Choice of John Torrey Esqr, Colo Theo Cotton, William Crombie William Watson Esqr & Ephraim Spooner a Committe to join with the Selectmen to Determine where Sd house Shall stand & to take Care & regulate the same.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 25th Novr next to 2 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the town of Plimouth Novr 7th A D 1776

Messrs Jonathan Diman John Thomas Junr Jesse Harlow & William Crombie Were Chosen to Serve on the Jury at the Admrilty Court to be holden at Plimouth ye 12th of Novr Instant.

[**356.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Novr 25th 1776 by Adjournment from the 29th of Octobr last.

Voted & made Choice of John Cotton Esqr & Mr. Silvanus Bartlett a Committe to Give a Deed to Mr Stephen Samson of the land mortgaged by Eleazr Churchell to this town, In Case said Samson will Give Security to the town for the payment of what money is due for Principall & Interest on Said Mortgage.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 2nd Decembr next to 10 a Clock A M.

At a Meeting of the town of Plimouth assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Decr 2nd 1776.

John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Then Voted to Petition the Generall Court of this State for Reason to Excuse this town from Raiseing the men Directed by a late Order of Sd Court, & accordingly made Choice of the Selectmen & Committe of Correspondance a Committe to Draw Sd Petition.

Then Made Choice of Colo Theophilus Cotton an Agent to Prefer Sd Petition to the Court as soon as Possible.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 9th Currant to ten A Clock A M.

At a Meeting of the town of Plimouth ye 2d day of Decr 1776 by Adjournment from ye 25th of Novr last.

John Torrey Esqr the Moderator being absent John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Then Sd Meeting was Adjourned to the 9th Currant to 11 a Clock A M.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth Decr 9th A D 1776 by Adjournment from ye 2nd Currant.

Colo Theophilus Cotton reported he had Preferd the Petition to the Generall Court of This State desiring them to Excuse this town from Raiseing the men lately ordered by

the Court, Said Petition was read but not Sustained. Therefore he Desired Liberty to Withdraw it, which was Granted to him. Then voted to Give twenty Shillings pr month in Addition to the Wages Given by this State to the men now to be raised for the Service of the Country for the term of three months or thereabouts, said Sum to be Given to the Non Commissioned officers & Soldiers only.

[**357.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth the 9th of Decembr 1776 by Adjournment from ye 2nd Currant. Said Meeting was Adjourn'd to ye 16th Currant to 10 of the Clock A M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Decr 16th A D 1776 by Adjournt from ye 9th Currant. The meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 30th of December Currant to Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday the 30th Decembr A D 1776 by Adjournment from the 16th Currant.

Said meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 13th of January next to ten of the Clock in the forenoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Janry 9th 1777 Messrs John Morton John Washburn & Thomas Lewis were Chosen to Serve as Jurors at the Admrilty Court to be holden at Plimouth the 14th day of Janry Currant.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth at the Court house Janry 13th A D 1777.

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Moderator.

The Weather being Cold the meeting was Adjournd to the School house.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth assembled & held at the School house the day abovesd.

Voted to Choose one Assessor by Nomination in the room of John Torrey Esqr Deceasd. Accordingly made Choice of Mr James Doten Said Assessor.

Then a vote was Called to know if the town are Easey & Content with the Inoculateing Hospittall in this Town. It passed in the Negative.

Then voted to Desire the Doctors & Undertakers of the Inoculateing Hospittall in this town not to Inoculate any more persons in Sd Hospittall & then Made Choice of

Thomas Mayhew Esqr Mr Silvanus Bartlett & Capt William Weston a Committe to Communicate Sd Vote to Sd Gentlemen.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 27th Currant to 10 a Clock A M.

The Other Meeting that was Adjourned to this day was allso Adjournd to the time Abovesd.

[**358.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth Janry 27th A D 1777 by Adjournment from ye 13th Currant

Voted to Raise the Sum of Six hundred & Eighty Seven pounds to Defrey the Charges of the Town the year past.

Then voted the Assessors be Directed not to lett the Surplussage of the Taxes Exceed Twenty pounds Lawfull money for the year past.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Janry 27th A D 1777 by Adjournment from ye 13th Currant respecting the matter of the Hospittall in this town, Said Meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 17th day of February Next to Eleven of the Clock A M.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth held at the Court house in Plimouth February 17th A D 1777 by Adjournment from Janry 27th Last, Joseph Bartlett Junr Chosen Clerk for this meeting Mr. Spooner being absent. Then the Town voted as follows:

Whereas at a time when the Town was greatly exposed to the Infection of the Small Pox, they encouraged the erecting an Inoculating *Hospittall, and implicitly consented that it Should stand on their Land, tho' there was no Express vote for it, and a considerable number having been already inoculated at said hospital, and all that belong to the Town (disposed to be inoculated) having had Sufficient opportunity therefor, and it apearing unreasonable that the Town should be Continually Exposed to the danger of Infection, and kept in fear for the sake of Strangers, It is therefore upon mature Consideration ordered by said Town, that no inoculating Hospital Shall be Continued upon their land, and that those that are concerned should after this week desist

* A Hospital was erected at Billington Sea, where persons could go to be inoculated for smallpox before vaccination was discovered. Its site is still called Hospital Cove or Landing.

from receiving any more Patients into said Hospital upon Penalty of having their Buildings pulled down. And Voted that a Committee be Chosen to see this vote carried into Execution.

The Grounds of this Vote are

1. What is mentioned above the continual danger of Infection to which we may add

2nd The Carelessness of some concerned in the affair And

3rd The reason we have to think that two or three received the Infection by means of said hospital.

4th It hinders market People & others from coming into the Town by which not only the Town, but the County Suffer.

5th If a great number of strangers from other parts should flock to said Hospital It would consume most of the fresh Provisions that are brought in which the Towns People stand in absolute need of

6th The Joynt Proprietors who equally own the Land with the Town on which the Hospital stands, were never asked their Consent to the Erecting Said Hospital, and were always averse to it; and now joyn with the Town in This Prohibition.

7th It is no ways reasonable that the Towns wood on Said Land Should be Consumed in the Service of Strangers.

[**359.**] 8th The Town take it amiss That their gentle request to the undertakers not to proceed any further in the affair was treated with such disregard, even before any further danger was apprehended.

9th The town apprehend that the Undertakers have been Sufficiently reimbursed for their Expences in building said Hospital by the number already admitted, which Exceed 200 the number first proposed.

10th What the Court have done is no Impediment to this prohibition. Their Power being only to grant a Permission, so that Parties Concerned Should be exemptd from the penalty of the Act, which imposes a heavy Fine on Inoculation without License; but their authority does not reach to dispose of Property, or so much as meddle with it, without the Consent of the owners, or for a Longer Term than the owners think fit, so that the Town have Power to order about their own Land just as much as if the Court had never

meddled in the affair at all, and may resume whenever they find any Inconvenience to follow.

Committee Chosen are Messrs

Joshua Thomas	Thomas Lewis
John Bartlett	Ezra Burbank
Samuel Battles	William Weston

William Crombie.

Voted that Said Committe Communicate this vote to the Physician and the other Undertakers of Said Hospital.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 24th March A D 1777.

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Moderator.

Ephraim Spooner Chosen Town Clerk & sworn pr William Watson Esqr.

John Cotton Esqr Mr Silvanus Bartlett Doctr Nathaniel Lothrop Mr Eleazer Stephens & Ephraim Spooner Chosen Selectmen

John Cotton Esqr Mr Eleazer Stephens & Mr Stephen Doten Chosen Assessors, Sd Cotton & Stephens were Sworn in meeting pr William Watson Esqr.

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Town Treasurer & sworn by Wm Watson Esqr.

Then the Votes for a County Treasurer were brought in & Sealed up in Town Meeting pr Stephen Churchell Constable & Delivd them to him to Deliver to the Court.

[360.] The Honourable James Warren Esqr

William Watson Esqr	Mr Eleazer Stephens
Theophilus Cotton Esqr	Mr Thomas Jackson
Mr James Doten	Mr Silvanus Bartlett
Mr Andrew Croswell	Mr Nathaniel Torrey
Mr James Drew	Majr Joshua Thomas
Doctr Nathaniel Lothrop	Mr Stephen Samson

Were Chosen a Committee of Correspondence Safety & Inspection.

Then voted to Excuse Manument ponds from paying any part of the Extraordinary Expence in hireing Collectors in this Town the last year viz, What was Given more than 12d on the pound.

Voted to Give the Collector the Same premium & on the Same Conditions as the last year.

Then made Choice of

Mr Andrew Croswell Deacn Jonathan Diman
Mr Thomas Jackson Mr Samuel Jackson &
Capt Zacheus Bartlett
a Committe to hire a Collector or Collectors for this Town the Presant year.

Then voted to have as many Schools & under the Same regulation as the last year.

Allso voted to pay the Westerly part of the Town viz the Neighbourhood of Isaac Jacksons the Same Sum out of the Treasury towards Supplyg them with a Suteable Schoolmaster &c. as the last year.

Then made Choice of Generall Warren William Watson Esqr & Capt Elkanah Watson a Committe to Supply the Grammer School with a Suteable School master & they to Endeavor to procure a place for him to board at.

Then Chose Capt Zacheus Bartlett Mr Benjamin Cornish Junr & Mr Israel Clark a Committee to Supply the School in the Center of Manument ponds

Then Chose Messrs Solomon Holmes Thomas Morton Junr & Seth Morton a Committe to Supply the School at Eellriver

Then Chose Messrs Ichabod Holmes Nathaniel Morton Junr & Samuel Bartlett a Committe to Supply the School at Wellingsle

Then Chose Messrs Colo Cotton & Ebenezer Nellson a Committe to Supply the School at the North End of the Town

Then Chose Messrs Isaac Jackson & Benjamin Lucas a Committe to Supply the School at the West End of the Town

[**361.**] Messrs Eleazer Ellis & Seth Mendall Were Chosen a Committe to Supply the School in their Neighbourhood

Then made Choice of Thomas Southworth Howland Lemuel Drew Capt Thomas Nicholson Timothy Goodwin Samuel Shareman Thomas Witherell Barnabas Hedge Hogreeves

Then this meeting was Adjourned to ye 7th of April next to 10 a Clock In the forenoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth ye Seventh April A D 1777 by Adjournment from ye 24th March last.

Messrs John Waterman & Deacn Jonathan Diman were Chosen to Serve on the Grandjury the year Ensuing.

Then voted that the thanks of this town be Given to the Revd Mr Silvanus Conant for his very Ingenious Sermon Deliverd here on the last Anniversary of our forefathers landing in this place ,and that he be desired to favour us with a Copy for the press, & Then made Choice of Isaac Lothrop Esqr Deacn William Crombie & Mr Andrew Croswell a Committee for that purpose.

Then Voted and Directed the Committee for Supplying the Grammer School with a Suteable Schoolmaster, To Procure one on the best terms they Can.

Then Voted to Choose four Selectmen to the 5 allready Chosen and Accordingly made Choice of Colo Theophilus Cotton Deacn William Crombie Capt Thomas Davis Mr Samuel Jackson Selectmen.

Capt John Bartlett Mr Eleazer Ellis Mr Nathaniel Morton Junr Deacn William Crombie & Mr Ebenezr Nellson Were Chosen Surveyors of the highways.

Then Voted not to take any Alewives for Sail out of the Town brook & not more than 200 barrels for sail out of the brook running out of half way Pond the Presant year.

[**362.**] Seth Morton & Ezekiel Morton Junr Were Chosen a Committe to take Care of Eelriver herring brook agreeable to law

Deacn William Crombie Capt Benjamin Rider Mr Richard Cooper & Mr Ezra Burbank Were chosen a Committe to take Care of the Town brook agreeable to Law

John Bartlett James Wright & William Bartlett ye 4th Were Chosen a Committe to take Care of halfway pond brook

Messrs James Drew Stephen Churchell Thomas Jackson Were Chosen Guagers of Cask & packers of Fish

Messrs George Holmes Ebenezr Cobb & Solomon Holmes Were Chosen Tytheingmen

Messrs Benjamin Drew & Thomas Spooner Were Chosen Sealers of Leather

Messrs Ebenezr Nellson Isaac Jackson Elkanah Holmes Thomas Morton Junr Joseph Bartlett Junr Nathaniel Washburn Stephen Churchell & William Bartlett ye 3rd Were Chosen Hogreeves

William Watson Esqr & Samuel Cole Were Chosen Clerks of the Market.

Messrs Amaziah Churchell Thomas Davie Thos Southworth Howland Robert Bartlett Eleazer Churchell Thomas Jackson Ebenezer Nellson Jonathan Churchell & Ichabod Holmes Were Chosen Cullers of fish

Messrs Silvanus Bartlett Isaac Symmes Thos South Howland Zacheus Bartlett Elijah Dammon & George Ellis Were Chosen fence Viewers & field Drivers

Messrs James Warren Esqr Elkanah Watson Ichabod Holmes Thomas Jackson Ephraim Spooner Were Chosen firewards

Messrs Lemuell Drew Abial Shurtleff Nathl Barnes James Shurtleff John Waterman David Lothrop Were Chosen Surveyors of Lumber

Messrs Thomas Jackson James Drew Stephen Churchell & Lemuell Drew Were Chosen viewers & Cullers of Staves & Hoops & Surveyors of Clapboards & Shingle.

[**363.**] Messrs Thomas Ellis Phillip Leonard & Joseph Trask Were Chosen Deerereeves.

Messrs James Warren Esqr Nathaniel Morton Junr Phillip Leonard Josiah Morton Junr & Samuel Bartlett Were Chosen to take Care of Plimouth Beach.

William Watson Esqr Doctr Nathaniel Lothrop & Ephraim Spooner were Chosen a Committe to Examine the Schollers to be admitted into the Grammer School

William Watson Esqr Capt Elkanah Watson & Ephraim Spooner Were Chosen a Committe to hire a Sexton & to Give him 8-o-o pr year.

Messrs Stephen Samson Thomas Jackson Isaac Jackson Joseph Rider Ichabod Holmes Benjamin Cornish Seth Morton & Thomas Davis Were Chosen a Committe to fire the woods in a Propper time & Endeavr to Save the Woods lotts.

Then made Choice of Messrs Silvanus Bartlett Ichabod Holmes & Eleazer Stephens a Committe to View the road proposd to be alterd in Manument ponds from Bartletts brook back of the Meeting house to Doten road So Called, And a new road to be laid out on the other Side of Said Brook as farr as Shall be needful & to report to the town at the Adjournment of this meeting.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 21st Currant to 3 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assem-

bled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 21st of April 1777 by Adjournment from ye 7th Currant.

The Act for the observation of the Sabath & the Choice & Duty of Wardens was read. After which Mr. Silvanus Bartlett Mr Andrew Croswell Colo Theophilus Cotton Mr Stephen Samson Mr Stephen Churchell & Ephraim Spooner were Chosen Wardens.

Then voted the Committe for hireing a Collector for the Presant year be Desired to take further Steps to procure one & make report to the town at the Adjournment of this meeting & Mr Stephen Samson was added to said Committe.

[364.] At Said Meeting the Committe appointed to Consider the matter of altering the road in Manument ponds reported, but for reason the Consideration thereof was put off to the Adjournment of this meeting.

Then This meeting was Adjournd to the next May Meeting for the Choice of Representatives.

At a Meeting of The Town of Plimouth legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth May 7th 1777.

John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Messrs Elkanah Watson Thomas Jackson & Nathl Torrey were Chosen to Serve on the Grand Jury & Messrs Nathaniel Morton Junr Richard Cooper & Robert Brown were Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury all at the next Superiour Court to be holden at Plimouth on the third tuesday of May Currant

At aMeeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth May 9th 1777.

The Honourable James Warren Esqr was Chosen Representative for the Presant year. Previous to which Choice the Town voted not to Send more than one Representative.

Then John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Then voted & Instructed our Representative to Join with the Councill for this State to Draw up a form of Government for the People thereof & lay it before the Severall towns within the Same for their Consideration that they may approve or Disapprove thereof as they think Proper.

Agreeable to a late order of the Generall Court.

Then Voted to repeal the road Act made by this town in 1773 & accordingly the Same is wholly repealed. & voted to recall the first road Tax of £60 out of the Collectors hands withall Directing that those people that have Laboured on

the roads in this Town, agreeable to the orders of the Surveyors while Sd Act was in force shall be paid out of the Town Treasury.

Then voted to procure forty guns for the use of the Town, and made Choice of

Messrs Stephen Samson William Weston & Jesse Harlow a Committee for that purpose, They to procure them as soon as possible.

[**365.**] Messrs Isaac Symmes Ichabod Shaw Joseph Bartlett & Thomas Davis were Chosen to Serve on the Jury at the Meratime Court to be holden in this place ye 21st Currant.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to Monday y 2nd of June Next to 3 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth June ye 2nd 1777 by Adjournment from the 19th of May last, Inasmuch as Verry few people were at Meeting it was Adjourned to ye 16th Currant to 3 a Clock in the afternoon.

The Town Meet the 16th day of June agreeable to the above Adjournment And made Choice of Capt Thomas Nicholson as an Addition to the Committe of Correspondance in this Town.

Then this Meeting & the May Meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 23rd Currant to three a Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth June 16th A D 1777

John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Then the following list was Exhibited to the Town by the Selectmen agreeable to a late Law of this State

In Pursuance of a Late Act of the Generall Assembly of the State of the Massachusetts Bay, We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Plimouth (with the Advice and Concurrence of the Committee of Correspondence)do Present to the town the following list of Persons belonging to sd town whom we apprehend have been Endeavouring Since the 19th of April 1775 to Counter Act the Struggles of this & the United States for the Preservation of their Liberties & Previleges viz

John Watson	Gideon White
Edward Winslow	Ichabod Shaw &
	Edward Davis

Plimouth June 16th 1777

John Cotton Theophilus Cotton Sylvanus Bartlett Samuel Jackson Ephraim Spooner Eleazr Stephens Nathaniel Lothrop William Crombie Selectmen of Plimouth

[366.] At Sd Meeting voted to Choose a Committe to Collect what Evidence they can respecting the Inimical Disposition of the People Called Toreys in this Town & report at the Adjournment of this Meeting & Direct said Evidences to appear at said Meeting.

Accordingly made Choice of Messrs Stephen Samson Joseph Croswell Nathaniel Torrey Thomas Nicholson & William Weston said Committe

Then voted to sell the old Pest house* Beyond the traneing Green & a Quarter of an acre of land therewith Adjoining thereto on Monday next at public vendue & made choice of Messrs Stephen Samson Samuel Jackson & William Weston a Committe for that purpose, they to Give a Deed thereof in Behalf of the Town, & receive the Money & pay it into the Town Treasurer. Then voted & made Choice of the Honourabl James Warren Esqr & Majr Joshua Thomas Agent in ye Town's Behalf to Petition the Great and Generall Court of this State, Praying they would Excuse those men that belong to the Two fire Engines in this town from the Common Duty's of Melitia men.

Then this meeting was adjourned to ye 23rd Currant to 10 a Clock A M

At a Meeting of the Town Abovesd June 23rd 1777 by Adjournment from ye 16th Currant The Committe appointed to Collect what Evidence the Could of the Enimicol Disposition of the People Called Toreys in this Town Reported as follows viz—

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committe by the town of Plimouth to Collect the Evidence against the persons Calld Toreys in this Town beg leave to report as follows viz

Against John Watson.

Mr Abraham Hammett says, that being in Company with Mr Watson, Crocker & others at Mr Thomas Withrells, since ye 19th of April 1775 Mr. Crocker Gave as a toast Success to the American Armes, Watson Sayd it was

* The pest house was situated on the northwesterly side of Gallows Lane, nearly opposite to the corner of that Lane, and the South Pond road. One or more gravestones may now be seen in an orchard there.

unpolite to drink Politicall Toasts in a mixed Company & after a Considerable Dispute with Crocker, Watson Sayd if he must drink Success to Either Armey it should be Success to the British Armes.

Mr Hammett allso Says that he has frequently Discoursd with Mr. Watson Concerning our Public Affairs when he (Watson)allways blamed our Conduct.

Mr Samuell Jackson says that he has Severall times talkd with Mr John Watson Since 19th April 1775 on Polittecall affairs and observd that he allways Disapproved of our Public measures.

Against Edward Winslow Esqr.

Mr Winslow acknowledged to the Committe of Correspondence that some time about the first of May last Mr ———Bethell Came from Rhode Island to this town and was at his house, Sd Bethell we look upon as an open Enimy to America. Mr Joshua Thomas says that Mr Winslow Pleaded in Excuse for not Informg of Said Bethell that he had Bonds from the bord of Cammissioners to make up all his loss, occasiond by the Boston Port bill.

[**367.**] Against Ichabod Shaw*

Mr George Holmes Says that Some time this Spring Early in ye morning he met Mr Ichabod Shaw & asked him where he'd been, Shaw answered Sowing flax, Holmes ask him who he Sowd it for. Shaw replyd he did not know who he Sowd it for, That if Howe Got the day Symms Should not have it, but if Washington Got the day the Devil might have the land. Mr. William Coye Says that in Discourse with Mr Shaw Concerng Generall Lee being taken prisoner Shaw Sayd he was Glad Genl Lee was taken, that he was a traytor & hoped that he would meet with his deserts or to that purpose. He then Explaind himself by Saying that Generall Lee was a half pay officer in the Kings Army & Sayd he took him to be a Spye & traytor to our Armey & that we Should do better without him. Mr David Bacon relates much the Same as Mr Coye does he being presant at the above Conversation.

Against Edward Davis

Mr William C. Cotton Says that he was in Company with

* Ichabod Shaw, son of Samuel, was born in 1734, and married in 1757, Priscilla, daughter of John Atwood, and was the grandfather of the late Samuel Shaw of Plymouth.

Gideon White Junr, William Morton, & Edward Davis Some time last Winter Davis asked White, What the Whigs did there. And asked Cotton & Morton, if they had got their Commissions, they answerd Yes, he asked from what authority they Came. They replyd from the Honourable Generall Court, Davis then Sayd Dam the Generall Court & all Such Authority, in the run of their Conversation Davis Sayd before long you'l Come to me & Confess your Errors, & acknowledge you were led away by Silly fellows.

Against Isaac Lebarron

When Speaking of the Cruize he (Mr Coye) had been in the armed Sloop America Calld it Pirateing, Mr Thomas Southth Howland says that he has heard Mr Joshua Thomas and many others of their family lament Isaac Lebarrons being a Tory & that they Could not Change his Principalls & Prevent his makeing Such bad Speaches Against America. Mr Abraham Hammet Says that he had Several times heard Isaac* Lebarron blame all the measures taken by the Country in the Common Cause.

Against John Thomas.*

that he did take Oath of Allegeance to King George ye 3rd while he was at Nova Scotia.

Against Capt Thomas Davis,

that he did take the Oath of Aleegeance to King George ye 3rd while he was at Nova Scotia, we are Informed also that his Son William Davis has been heard to say, that his father was Safe let the Event of the war be what it will.

Against Capt Benjamin Churchell,

Mrs ———— Ellis Says about Seven months ago Mr Churchell Came to her house & talked Verry high against America, Sayd he had a Son or Sons in the Armey, but hoped if he lived till Spring, to have them in the Kings Ser-

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* Isaac LeBaron was a grandson of Dr. Francis LeBaron, who came from France in 1694, and settled in Plymouth. He was a son of Dr. Lazarus LeBaron, and was born in Plymouth in 1744. He married in 1774, Martha, daughter of Consider Howland, and lived in the house which stood where the house of Isaac Brewster now stands. Col. John B. Thomas and Nathaniel Russell married his daughters.

* John Thomas was descended from William Thomas, one of the Merchant Adventurers, and son of Nathaniel. He graduated at Harvard in 1765. He was one of the original members of the Old Colony Club, and married in 1773, Anna, daughter of Thomas Mayhew. Being a loyalist, he removed to Nova Scotia, and died in Liverpool, N. S., in 1823. His half sister, Hannah, married General John Thomas of the Revolution, who belonged to another distinct family.

vice, he allso Say'd we had Stole from England & they was right in trying to Get it back Again. That our Cause was bad &c.

Stephen Samson pr Order.

[368.] After reading the report &c as aforesd Voted the persons Chargd as aforesd Shall be Severally Called upon in the order they Stand to make answer to the Charges against them & Examine the Evidences & produce such other Evidence as they think Proper now in Town Meeting.

Then John Watson was Called upon, after hearing what he had to say in his own Defence a Vote was Calld to know if he Should Stand upon the list and his name Transmitted to the Sessions for tryal agreeable to the late law of this State for Tryall. It passed in the Negative.

Then Edward Winslow Esqr was Called upon in manner as abovesd, after hearing his Defence the Vote was Called to Know if he Should Stand upon the list for tryal. It passed in the Negative.

Then Ichabod Shaw was Called in manner as aforesd, after hearing his Defence The vote was Calld to know if he Should Stand upon the list for Tryal. It passed in the Negative

Then Edward Davis was Called upon in the same manner, After hearing what he had to say in his Defence The Vote was Called to know if he Should Stand upon the list for tryal. It passed in the Negative.

Next Gideon White was Called upon in the Same manner. After hearing what he had to say in his Defence The Vote was Called to know if he Should Stand upon the list, it Passed in the Negative.

Then Inasmuch as the Committe reported Severall things against Isaac Lebarron, John Thomas Junr, Thomas Davis & Benjamin Churchell, They were Severally Called upon to Defend themselves Against said Charges. After hearing what Each had to say in his defence, The Vote was Seperately Calld to know if their names Should be put upon the list. It Passed in the Negative respecting them all.

[369.] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth June 23rd A D 1777

John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Said Meeting was Adjournd to ye 30th of June Currant to ten a Clock in the forenoon.

Allso the March & May Meetings that were Adjourned to this time were again Adjournd to the time Abovesd.

At a Meeting of the town of Plimouth ye 30th of June 1777 by Adjournment from the 23rd Currant, viz the May Meeting.

Voted that the town will not order any part of their money Due on Bond ,to be Applyd to the Discharging the towns Debts on Interest &c.

At a Meeting of the town of Plimouth ye 30th of June 1777 by Adjournment from the 23rd Currant viz the March Meeting.

The Town resumed the Consideration of the matter of Alltering the road in Manument ponds, And Voted to Choose a Second Committe to View the Ground, discourse with the Neighbours thereabouts, and Estimate the Expence of Altering the road, & make Report at the Adjournment of this meeting.

Mr Stephen Samson Colo Theophilus Cotton Capt William Weston were Chosen Sail Committe.

Then this Meeting was Adjourned to ye 13th July* next to 3 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the town of Plimouth June 30th 1777 by Adjournment from the 23rd Currant

John Kempton	Robert Brown
Thomas Jackson	James Clark &
Samuel Battles	John Swift

were Chosen a Committe to See that the Act respecting monopoly & oppression be put in Execution.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to July 14th to 3 a Clock in ye afternoon.

[**370.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth at the Court house in Plimouth July 8th A. D 1777 Stephen Samson James Clark James Doten & Nathl Goodwin were Chosen to Serve on the Jury at the Meratime Court to be holden in this town the 14th of July Currant.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled at the Court house in Plimouth July 14th 1777 by Adjournment from the 30th of June last, viz the March Meeting.

* This date should be July 14th.

Voted to allow Mr. Ezra Ripley* our late Schoolmaster three pounds Six Shillings over & above his year's Sallery being So much he paid for board the last twenty two weeks of the time he kept the school more than the usual Price in time past.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 11th of August next to 3 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled at the Court house in Plimouth July 14th 1777 by Adjournment from the 30th of June last, viz, the Meeting appointed for Chooseing a Committe to prosecute the breakers of the Monopoly Act So Called.

Said Meeting was Adjournd to Monday the 11th of August next to 3 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth July 30th A D 1777

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Moderator.

Voted to Choose a Committe to Enquire what necessarys of life are now in town & to Prevent their being Carryd out of town by wholesale.

Allso to Consider what is proper for the town to do Respecting the Same & to report at the Adjournment of this Meeting. Accordingly made Choice of

Messrs Samuel Battles	Ichabod Holmes
Colo Theophilus Cotton	Thomas Mayhew Esqr
Lemuel Morton	Capt Sam: Nich: Nellson

James Doten

to be Said Committee.

Allso voted they Said Committee Shall take no Notice of the Goods in This Town belonging to the Neighbouring States (or any of their Inhabitants) on this Continant.

Then this Meeting was Adjourned to next Monday ye 4th of August next to 3 a Clock In the afternoon.

[**371.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth August 4th 1777 by Adjournment from ye 30th of July last.

The Meeting was Disolved without doeing any more business.

At a Meeting of the town of Plimouth Assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth August ye 3rd 1777.

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* Ezra Ripley graduated at Harvard in 1776, and died in Concord, Mass., September 21, 1841. He was born in Woodstock, Conn., May 1, 1751. He was a Chaplain in the Revolution, and was settled over the church in Concord, November 11, 1778.

John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Then Voted to Give Each man that Shall Inlist into the Service of the United States of America to Complete the proportion this town is to furnish of the Continentall Army one hundred Dollars.

Then Voted to Give twenty Shillings Lawfull money per month to Each of the men that Shall Inlist into the Service Abovesd for the Term of Eight months only.

Then Voted that this town will raise a Sum Sufficient at their Meeting for Raising money to Defray the Charges of the Currant year, to pay the moneys they may need for the purposes Abovesd.

Then made Choice of Isaac Lothrop Esqr Mr Silvanus Bartlett & William Watson Esqr a Committe to hire on behalf of the town what money may be Wanted for the Purposes Abovesd.

Then Voted and made Choice of the Honourable James Warren Esqr An Agent to Prefer a Petition to the Generall Court praying them to Give us liberty to Choose a Collector or Collectors for the presant year we haveing neglected to Choose them in the month of March last.

Then this Meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 8th of Septembr Currant at 3 a Clock P M.

[**372.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth Novr 3rd A D 1777.

Voted & Raised the Sum of Five hundred pounds Lawfull money for Defreying the Charges of the Town the Currant year.

Voted & made Choice of Deacn William Crombie Mr Andrew Croswell Mr Stephen Samson a Committee to make Enquiry into the Circumstances of the Soldiers Famelys in this Town, that need to be Supply'd with necessarys for Liveing & report to the town at the Adjournment what they think Proper for the Town to Do respecting them.

Then made Choice of Messrs Stephen Samson Thomas Jackson Andrew Croswell Samuel Jackson & Zacheus Bartlett a Committe to hire a Collector or Collectors for the Town the presant year on the best Terms they Can & report at the Adjournment. Then made Choice of Thomas Mayhew Esqr Mr Stephen Samson & Ephraim Spooner a Com-

mittee to Procure a Place for boarding the Schoolmaster on the best Terms they Can.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to Monday the 10th of Novembr Currant to 2 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Novr 7th A D 1777. Messrs Elkanah Watson Thomas Bartlett John Bartlett Junr & Ephraim Spooner were Chosen to Serve on the Meretime Court to be holden at Plimouth on ye 11th day of Novr Currant.

Messrs Zacheus Bartlett & William Warren were Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury at the next Inferiour Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plimouth the Second tuesday of Decembr next

[**373.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth Novr 10th 1777 by Adjournment from ye 3rd Currant.

The Committe appointed to procure a Collector reported they had hired Mr. Joseph Croswell to be Collector for the whole Town Excepting Manument Ponds Precinct for the Sum of nine pounds more than the Usual Premuim of 12d on the pound.

Said Croswell appeared in Meeting & Declard his acceptance of said office on them Conditions.

Then made Choice of Mr. Joseph Croswell Constable & Collector, who was Sworn in Town Meeting by Thomas Mayhew Esqr.

Then made Choice of Stephen Doten Constable & Collector for Manument Ponds on the Same Conditions as Mr Croswell Serves abovesd:

Then Voted the town & County tax shall be made together as Usuall.

Allso Voted the Surplusage of taxes Shall not Exceed twenty pounds.

Then made Choice of Majr Joshua Thomas & Mr Stephen Samson agents to prosecute the Towns Sutes or Actions now depending in the Inferiour Court Respecting the land Called the Sheep Pasture.

Then Voted & Choose Mr Daniel Diman Mr Stephen Samson Capt Nathaniel Goodwin, Isaac Lothrop Esqr & Mr Nathaniel Morton Junr a Committee to Supply the famelys of the Soldiers in this Town that need Supply's of

necessarys of Provisions agreeable to a late Act of this State.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Meeting house of the first Precinct Novembr 12th A D 1777.

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Moderator.

Then voted to apply to the Revd Samuel West & Desire him to Preach a Sermon in this town ye 22nd of Decembr next being the Anniversary of our fore Fathers landing in this place, Accordingly made Choice of Majr Joshua Thomas to Present Sd vote to Sd Gentleman & Desire his Complyance therewith.

[**374.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Decembr 23 A D 1777.

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Moderator.

Voted that the Committe appointed to Supply the Famelys of those Soldiers that belong to this town, that are now doing duty in the Continentall Armey be Directed to Borrow money or Purchase necessarys of Such of the Inhabitants as will Supply them therewith to Enable the Sd Committe to Furnish Necessarys for said Famelys Agreeable to a late order of the Generall Court that they may join in a Confederacy with the other American States for the defence & Safety of the whole of sd States Against our Enemys as Recommended by the Honourable Continentall Congress.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to Tomorrow 10 a Clock.

Att a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the School House in Plimouth Decembr 24th 1777 by Adjournment from ye 23rd Currant.

Voted & requested Messrs Ichabod Holmes & Nathaniel Morton Junr to repair the Bridge over Hobs hole brook So Called at the Expence of the Town.

Then Voted to Choose a Committee of Nine Persons to assist the Assessors in takeing A Valuation of the Estates in this Town, in order for makeing the Taxes the Currant year.

And Accordingly made Choice of

Colo Theophilus Cotton	Mr Ichabod Holmes
Mr Thomas Jackson	Mr Seth Morton
Capt Thomas Nicholson	Mr Thomas Morton Junr
Mr Nathaniel Morton Junr	Capt Zacheus Bartlett &

Mr Thomas Ellis to be Sd Committe

[**375.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth legally Assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday the 16th day March Anno Domini 1778.

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Moderator.

Ephraim Spooner Chosen Town Clerk & Sworn pr Willm Watson Esqr.

George Watson Esqr Colo Theophilus Cotton Deacn William Crombie Capt Thomas Nicholson & Ephraim Spooner Were Chosen Selectmen

John Cotton Esqr Eleazer Stephens & Stephen Doten were Chosen Assessors.

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Town Treasurer

Then the Votes for a County Treasurer were brought in & Seald up in Town Meeting pr Mr Joseph Croswell Constable.

Then the Act respecting the observation of the Sabath & the Choice & duty of Wardens was read after which,

Capt Thomas Nicholson Mr Isaac Symms Doctr Nathl Lothrop Mr Samuel Sherman Mr Joseph Bartlett Junr & Capt Silvanus Harlow Were Chosen Wardens

Colo Theophilus Cotton Capt Thomas Nicholson Capt John Gray Deacn William Crombie Mr Silvanus Bartlett Capt Nathaniel Torrey Mr Samuel Jackson Mr Andrew Croswell & Ephraim Spooner Were Chosen a Committe of Correspondc Safety &c.

Then Voted to keep up the Same number of Schools & under the Same Regulations as the last year

The Honourable James Warren Esqr Capt Thomas Davis Mr John Watson were Chosen a Committe to Supply the Grammer School with a Suteable Schoolmaster.

[**376.**] Messrs Zacheus Bartlett Israel Clark Benjamin Cornish Junr Were Chosen a Committe to Supply the School at Manument Ponds with a Suteable Schoolmaster.

Messrs Phillip Leonard Thomas Morton Junr & Seth Morton Were Chosen a Committe to Supply the School at Eellriver with a Suteable Schoolmaster.

Messrs Ichabod Holmes Nathl Morton Junr & Samuel Bartlett Were Chosen a Committe to Supply the School at Wellingslee with a Suteable Schoolmaster.

Messrs Theophilus Cotton & Ebenezr Nellson Were Chosen a Committe to Supply the School at the North End the Town with a Suteable Schoolmaster

Messrs Benjamin Lucas & Isaac Jackson Were Chosen a Committe to Supply the School at the West End of the Town.

Allso Voted to pay that Neighbourhood the Same Sum out of the Treasury for School Keeping as the last year.

Messrs Eleazer Ellis & Seth Mendall Were Chosen a Committe to Supply the School in their Neighbourhood with a Suteable Schoolmaster.

Then Voted to allow the Collectors the Same Premium & on the Same Conditions as the Last year.

Then made Choice of Capt Thomas Nicholson Mr Nathaniel Jackson & William Watson Esqr a Committe to hire a Collector for the Town Excepting Manument Ponds.

Then voted not to Sell the Fort on Coles Hill.

Then voted that Majr Joshua Thomas Isaac Lothrop Esqr & William Watson Esqr be & they are hereby appointed a Committe to Wait on the Revd Samuel West, with the thanks of this Town for his learned & Ingenious Sermon Diliverd in This Town on the last Anniversary of the landing of our Fathers here, and request a Copy thereof that it may be Printed.

Then Voted & made Choice of The Revd Abraham Williams to Preach a Sermon in this Place on the next Anniversary of the Landing of our Fathers here, And Chose Majr Joshua Thomas, Isaac Lothrop Esqr, & William Watson Esqr a Committe to Present Sd Gentleman with a Copy of this Vote & Desire his Complyance with our Request.

[**377.**] Voted & Directed the Town Treasurer not to Prosecute Mr. Bartlett Lebarron for what he owes the Town at the next April Court.

Then this Meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 30th day of March Currant to two a Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 30th day of March 1778 by Adjournment from ye 16th Currant.

George Watson Esqr who was Chosen one of the Selectmen this year came into Meeting & Desired the Town to Excuse him from Serving in Sd office & he was accordingly Excused.

Then John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Selectman, who Desired to be Excused from Serving in said office, he was Excused Accordingly.

Then Thomas Jackson was Chosen Selectman.

James Warren Esqr who was Chosen one of the School Committe for the Grammer School came into Meeting & Desired to be Excused from Serving in Sd place, the Town Accordingly Excused him.

Then Mr. Isaac Lebarron was Chosen on the Committe for Supplyg the Grammer School with a Suteable Schoolmaster.

Then voted & Made Choice of Ephraim Spooner Deacn William Crombie & Mr Thomas Jackson were appointed a Committee to take into Consideration those Clauses in the Warrent respecting Selling the peace of land which hath been Improved for many years as a building yard neer or Adjoining to the land that was Mr David Turner Deceased and respecting fenceing the burying hill, Allso the matter of Improveing any part of the traneing Green for Raising Corn &c, and to report to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

Then Voted to allow Mr Stephen Churchill Eight Dollars being so much he Received in Counterfitt bills for taxes a few weeks ago, he Declaring upon his Honour, that he did actually receive it for taxes and Can't tell of whom.

Messrs Stephen Samson Sylvanus Harlow & James Drew was Chosen to Serve on the Grand Jury.

& Messrs Lemuel Drew John Blackmer Samuel Battles Capt Benjamin Rider Nathaniel Torrey & Ichabod Holmes were Appointed to Serve on the Petit Jury, All at the Superiour Court &c to be holden at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimouth on the third tuesday of May next.

[**378.**] At Sd Meeting Messrs John Waterman & William Weston were Chosen to Serve on the Grand Jury for the Year Ensuing&

Messrs Ebenezr Rider & Joseph Trask were appointed to Serve on the Petit Jury at the next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plimouth on the Second Tuesday of April next.

Then Voted not to take any Alewives in the Town brook for sail the Currant year, And not more than two hundred barrells for sail in the brook runing out of half way pond in Wareham.

Messrs Sylvanus Bartlett Ebenezr Nellson Ichabod Holmes Andrew Bartlett Thomas Ellis John Swift Were Chosen Surveyors of the highways.

Messrs Joseph Howland	Job Rider
John Goddard	Benjamin Lucas
Thomas Nicholson	Abner Bartlett
David Lothrop	George Ellis
John Cotton ye 3rd	Thomas Bartlett
William Mayhew	William Bartlett Junr &

Amaziah Harlow

Were Chosen Hogreeves

Messrs Nathaniel Carver Benjamin Rider Junr John Torrey & Sylvanus Harlow Were Chosen to take Care of The Town brook agreeable to the Law of the State.

Messrs John Bartlett James Wright & William Bartlett ye 4th Were Chosen to take Care of the Brook runing out of half way pond.

Messrs Seth Morton & Ezekiel Morton Were Chosen to take Care of Eellriver Herring brook

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 20th April next.

[379.] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth April 6th 1778.

John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Then the Petition of Capt Nathaniel Carver & ten others Praying the Town would Grant liberty to Inoculate for the Small pox in the Hospittall or Elsewhere in this town was read, After Debating upon the Subject a Vote was Called by Yeas & Nays. It passed in the negative.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth ye 20th of April 1778 by Adjournment from ye 6th Currant.

Messrs James Drew Thomas Jackson & Stephen Churchell Were Chosen Guagers of Cask & Packers of Fish

Messrs Samuel Cole Richard Holmes Junr & William Warren Were Chosen Tytheingmen

Messrs Benjamin Drew Thomas Spooner Were Chosen Sealers of Leather.

Messrs William WatsonJunr & Thomas Jackson Junr Were Chosen Hogreeves

Messrs Thomas Southworth Howland Ichabod Holmes & Ebenezr Nellson Were Chosen Cullers of Fish

Messrs William Watson Esqr & Samuel Cole Were Chosen Clerks of the Market

Messrs Thomas Southworth Howland Ichabod Shaw Cornelius Cobb Jesse Harlow Seth Morton & James Clark Were Chosen fence viewers & field Drivers.

Messrs Generall Warren Elkanah Watson Ichabod Holmes Thomas Jackson & Ephraim Spooner Were Chosen firewards

Messrs Lemuel Drew Abial Shurtleff Nathaniel Barnes James Shurtleff John Waterman & David Lothrop Were Chosen Surveyors of Lumber

[**380.**] Messrs Thomas Jackson James Drew Stephen Churchell & Lemuel Drew Were Chosen viewers & Cullers of Staves & hoops & Surveyors of Clapboards & Shingles.

Messrs Isaac Jackson Thomas Morton Junr Capt Willm Weston Were Chosen Deerereeves

Messrs Generall Warren Nathaniel Morton Junr Phillip Leonard Josiah Morton Junr & Samuel Bartlett Were Chosen to Take Care of Plimouth Beach agreeable to the laws of this state.

Messrs William Watson Esqr, Nathaniel Lothrop & Ephraim Spooner were chosen a Committe to hire a Sexton on the most reasonable terms they can.

Mr. Thomas Jackson sent a message into Town Meeting & Informd the Town he could not serve as a Selectman.

Messrs James Drew Stephen Doten & Isaac Symms were chosen Selectmen.

Then Voted & requested the Committe appointed to take into Consideration the matter of selling the building yard, as mentioned, to make Enquirey of the Proprietors of those lands over which the road that leads to the new bridge Gos & Enquired what they Propose respecting their lands and make report at the May meeting. Then this Meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 27th of Currant to 3 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 27th of April Currant by Adjournment from the 20th Currant.

Said Meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 4th May next.

[**381.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth May 4th A D 1778 by Adjournment from the 20th of April last.

Voted to raise the sum of twelve hundred pounds Lawfull

money for supplying the Soldiers and their Familys with such necessarys of life as they want agreeable to a late order of the Generall Court.

Allso Voted to raise the sum of one hundred & forty pounds for Defreying the expence of purchasing cloathing viz shirts, shoes & stockings agreeable to a late order of the Generall Court.

Then the March meeting was Adjournd to Monday 18th Currant 2 a Clock P. M.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth May 4th 1778.

John Cotton Esqr was chosen Moderator. Then in consequence of the Petition of Mr. John Washburn & ten others Praying the Town would Give Liberty that an Hospittall be sett up or opened at Saquish for Inoculateing with the small pox. The Town Voted they would Give Liberty their for under Such regulations as the Law Directs. And accordingly made Choice of Messrs Samuel Jackson, Nathaniel Carver & William Harlow Junr a Committe to Petition the Court of Generall Sessions of the peace for this County for the purposes abovesd.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth May 14th A D 1778.

Thomas Mayhew Esqr Chosen Moderator.

Then the Petition of Thomas Mayhew Esqr & sixteen others, Desireing the Town would come into some other method than they have usually Practiced respecting raiseing the men lately Calld for from this Town by the Generall Court. After Debateing the matter, a Considerable time the Town Voted not to act upon the matter at this time & Directed the Selectmen to make out a warrent as soon as possible to Call a meeting of the Inhabitants for that Purpose on Monday ye 1st day of June next 2 a Clock p. m.

[**382.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth at the Court house in Plimouth May 14th 1778, Deacn Jonathan Diman, Colo Thomas Lothrop, Capt William Weston & Mr Samuel Bartlett Junr were appointed to serve on the Jury at a meratime Court to be holden at Plimouth ye 19th day of May Currant.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth May 18th A D 1778.

Voted to send but one Representative to the Great & Generall Court the Presant year.

Then made choice of Capt Thomas Nicholson to Represent us at a Great & Generall Court appointed to be Convened, held & kept for the service of this state at the Court house in Boston on the 27th day of May Currant. Then Thomas Mayhew Esqr was chosen Moderator. After which the form of Government as Drawn up by the late Convention of this state was read. Then made choice of Majr Joshua Thomas, Thomas Mayhew Esqr, Capt Zacheus Bartlett, Mr. Sylvanus Bartlett, Capt. Thomas Nicholson, William Watson Esqr & Capt Elkanah Watson a Committe to Consider sd Form of Government & report their opinion as to the advantages & Disadvantages ariseing therfrom at the Adjournment of this meeting.

Then made choice of Capt Thomas Nicholson & Mr James Drew a committe to Enquire respecting the money that was paid by this Town into the Province Treasurey for Mr. Bartlett Lebaron our former Collector for severall years & report what they think Proper for the Town to do in that affair.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 1st day of June next to 2 a Clock P M. Allso the March meeting that was Adjournd to this Day was Adjournd to the day & hour abovesd.

[**383.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth June 1st 1778 by Adjournment from ye 18th of May last, the report of the Committe appointed to take into Consideration the form of Government lately Drawn up by the Convention of this state & to consider the advantages & Disadvantages ariseing therefrom, beg leave to report that they have repeatedly perused said Constitution with Great Candor & Deliberation, and are of opinion that many parts of it are Bottomed in principalls of Equall Liberty & Calculated to secure the Government from the Encroachments of Ambition and the artifices of designing rulers. Such more especially is the Establishment of Annual Elections in the several branches of the Legislature, Fundimentall in every free Government, and the best Barrier against Corruption and the restless passions of mankind.

Your committe would be happy if they could speak with

the same applause of every article in the Constitution; But Justice to themselves and posterity oblige them to point out several things which they apprehend are material Defects, and above all the Inequallity of the representation as Prescribed in the 6th Article, an Inequallity which may opperate to the disadvantage of this Town, bordering on the Sea Coast, whenever any Commercial Question shall be agitated in the General Assembly. The erecting a Court of Probate is allso in the Judgment of your Committe an useless burthen on Society as it often unnecessarily subjects the Widdow & Fatherless to the Expence of Travelling twenty or thirty miles for the Settlement of verry small estates, which may as well be done by two or three honest men in each town. The mode of Impeaching and tenure by which many subordinate civil officers hold their commissions appear to be verry exceptionable, and are Capable of Amendment, much for the benefit of the Community. The necessity of a Rotation in the offices of Governor, Lieut Governor & Senator will be evident to Every body who reflects that the appointment of many civill & all military officers is vested in the Governor & Senate, which power of appointing may enable a sett of Enterpriseing, Intreagueing men to Establish an Intrest & Influence Through

[384.] the state that may be Dangerous To the Libertys of the people. The want of a rotation Therefore in these officers in the Constitution under Consideration is a verry Capital omission. Your Committe are further of opinion that a bill clearly ascertaining the rights of the people as men, christians and subjects, ought to have preceeded the Constitution, And these rights should be expressed in the fullest & most unequivocal Terms. Upon the whole as this Constitution is in so many parts defective; and as when once established it will probably remain unalterable. Except by coercion & violence, your Committee think that it ought to be rejected.

Joshua Thomas,
Thomas Mayhew,
Zacheus Bartlett
Elkanah Watson.

After Debating the matter some Considerable time, the vote was Called, whether the town would accept sd form of Government or not. Their being one hundred & thirty

votes presant, one hundred & twenty two were against said form of Government, And Eight were in favour of it.

Then voted & made choice of Mr. Sylvanus Bartlett, Capt Thomas Richardson & Ephraim Spooner a Committe to Petition the Great & Generall Court of this state for Liberty to sell those Lands Given to the Town by Doctr Francis Lebaron Deceasd & to dispose of the same & give a Deed in the Town's behalf, and pay the money into the Town Treasurer to be used agreeable to the will of the Doner.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimo June 1st 1778.

Thomas Mayhew Esqr Chosen Moderator.

Then Voted & made Choice of

Capt Sylvanus Harlow	Mr William Hall Jackson
Mr Eleazr Stephens	Capt Zacheus Bartlett
Mr Joseph Croswell	Mr Thomas Jackson &
	Mr John Bartlett Junr

a Committe to take into Consideration the Towns paying the Expence of hireing those Soldiers that Shall go into the Continental & State Service for the Town agreeable to a late order of the Generall Court, or any former Services that may have been performed in the Corse of the Presant war, and what method the Same Shall be taxed or assessed on the Poles & Estates And report their opinion at the Adjournment .

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to ye 15th day of June Currant to 2 a Clock in the afternoon.

[**385.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth viz the March Meeting (by Adjournment) June 2nd 1778.

Messrs Thomas Jackson
Nathaniel Goodwin
William Watson Esqr
Nathaniel Morton Junr
Sylvanus Bartlett &
James Drew

were Chosen Assessors Especially to assist the other Assessors in takeing the Valuation.

Then Voted the Committe for procureing a Sexton be Directed to Get one as Cheap as they Can not to Exceed Sixteen pounds a year.

Then made Choice of Capt Jesse Harlow a Committeman in the room of Capt Thomas Nicolson for Supplyg the Sol-

diers wives &c agreeable to a late order of the Generall Court. Sd Nicolson Desired to be Excused. Then this Meeting was Adjournd to ye 15th Currant to 2 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth June 15th A D 1778 by Adjournment from ye 1st Currant.

The Committe appointed to take into Consideration the Towns hireing those Soldiers that have Gone into the Service of this Country Dureing the Presant warr reported in the words following viz—

We the Subscribers being Chosen by the Town to take into Consideration the Towns paying the Expence of hireing those Soldiers that have lately been raised in this Town, agreeable to a late order of Court, Allso to Consider whether it is best for the Town to Consider any former Services performed by any Individuals Since the War Commenced Report as follows Viz—it is our opinion that a Tax Should be made to pay the Expence of Raising the last Levy of Men.

It is Allso our opinion not to Consider any former Services before the last Levy above mentioned.

Eleazer Stephens
Zacheus Bartlett
John Bartlett Junr
Joseph Croswell
William Hall Jackson,

A vote was Called to know if the Town would accept Sd report, it passed in the Negative.

Then voted that Whereas the Generall Court of this State at their last Session Resolved that their Should be Deducted one hundred Dollars, which is thirty pounds Lawfull money out of the next State tax for Each Soldier the Severall Towns therein Shall Furnish for the reinforcement of the Continentall Armey for the Space of nine months after they Arrive at Fish Kills, the Place of

[386.] Rendezvous, And As a Great part of the number that are ordered to be raised by the Town Were obliged to be in Readiness to march on ye 30th of May last, for which reason, & in order to Dispatch Said men, on Sd Services, the Selectmen of this Town in the Towns Behalf Gave notes to Several of Said Soldiers for the Sum of thirty pounds

Each payable the first day of June Anno Domini 1779, The Town hereby Promise and obligate themselves to pay the whole of the Money for which said Notes were Given and to Save the Sd Selectmen harmless in all respects on account Thereof. And The Said Selectmen are hereby Further Desired to Give their Notes in the Towns Behalf to the rest of the Soldiers, that may Go into Said Service to Compleat the number assigned to this town, by the Generall Court to Reinforce the Continentall armey, and the Town will pay the Same. Furthermore they hereby order their Treasurer to pay the whole money to Sd Soldiers when they Demand it.

The men to whom the notes were Given are the Below named.

1 one to Jonathan Diman for	30	0	0
1 one to Joshua Wright for	30	0	0
1 one to Nathaniel Spooner for	30	0	0
1 one to John Bacon for	30	0	0
1 one for John Rider was Given to Joseph Sylvester for	30	0	0
1 one for Amasa Dellano was Given to John Cornish for	30	0	0
1 one to Joshua Battles for	30	0	0
1 one to Isaac Torrey for	30	0	0
2 one to Daniel Hunt for his 2 Sons for	60	0	0
1 one to Patrick Welsh for	30	0	0

Then voted that the Representative of this Town be Instructed to use his Influence & utmost Endeavor in the house of Representatives That Edward Bacon Esqr be Dismissed from that house from the most Plenary Conviction that the Said Edward Bacon has been dureing the whole of the Presant Contest & still is an Implacable Enemy to the freedom & Independence of America.

Then a Vote was Called to Know the Towns mind wheather they will Proportion by a tax on the Polls & Estates all the money which has been raised, or may be found Necessary to raise for Procureing Soldiers for the Continentall armey or State Service since the Commencement of the presant war haveing a Due refferance to all personall Service &c. It passed in the affirmative.

for the motion 22 persons
Against it 16

Then voted & Chose Messrs William Weston Ichabod Harlow Joseph Croswell Thomas Morton Junr James Clark a Committe to make Enquiry as to money paid & Services done, or hired to be done by the Inhabitants of this Town in the Corse of the Presant war and report to the town at the Adjournment.

[**387.**] At Said Meeting the town made Choice of Messrs William Weston Nathaniel Lewis & John Bartlett Junr a Committe to make Enquiry in this Town whether any Person or Persons have money in their hands that was Designd for hireing men to Go into the Army Dureing the Presant war and to Desire an account of them how they have applyd what they Recd.

Then this Meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 13th of July next to 2 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 15th day of June A D 1778 by Adjournment from ye 1st Currant—viz the March Meeting. The Town made Choice of Messrs Ichabod Holmes John Bartlett Junr & James Doten an addition to the Committe allready Chosen to hire a Collector or Collectors for the Presant year.

Then this meeting was adjourned to Monday ye 22nd of June Currant to 3 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth June 22nd 1778 by Adjournment from the 15th Currant viz the March meeting

Voted Not to Sell the building yard as mentioned in the Warrent.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 13th of July next to 2 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth June 22nd A D 1778.

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Moderator.

Voted & made Choice of Messrs Thomas Jackson Isaac Symms & Nathaniel Morton Junr to be a Committee to Divide the Lott of land at Donhams Neck Between the Town & the heirs of the Estate of Mr William Rider Deceasd & lay the Same before the Town for their Approbation, Allso Voted Sd Committe be Directed to Settle with the Proprietors of the Hospittall there respecting the wood they Cutt Belonging to the Town Both as to Quantity & Price and report to the Town as soon as they Can.

Then voted that the Selectmen & Committe for Supplyg the Familys of the Soldiers in this Town Be and they hereby are Directed to hire a Sum not Exceeding five hundred pounds for the purpose of Supplyg the Said Persons and the Town will discharge all such obligations and Save Sd Committe & Selectmen free from all Charge & Expence Whatsoever therefor.

Then Voted the Town will Give Liberty the Hospittall abovesd Shall be opened upon Such Conditions as the Law Directs & accordingly made Choice of Isaac Lothrop & Joshua Thomas Esqrs & Mr Stephen Samson a Committe to Petition the Court of Sessions of this County for that Purpose

[**388.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth June 25th Anno Domini 1778.

Messrs Solomon Sylvester & Charles Dyre were appointed to Serve on the Petit Jury at the Next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimouth on the Second Tuesday of July next.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth July 13th A D 1778 by Adjournment from the 22nd of June last—Viz the March Meeting.

Said Meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 20th Currant to 2a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth July 13th A D 1778 by Adjournment from the 22nd of June last viz the Meeting on the Subject of paying the Expence of hireing Soldiers in this town by way of Tax.

Ephraim Spooner the Town Clerk being absent on the Towns business Isaac Lothrop Esqr officiated as Clerk.

Then the Committe for Collecting the accots of the money Recd & paid for hireing Soldiers Reported, thereupon Voted that Said Committe be Continued they not haveing Compleated their business and to report on the Adjournment.

On motion Voted to reconsider a former Vote Entred the 15th of June relative to hireing Soldiers by Tax on the Polls & Estates in this Town.

Then Moved that a Committe be appointed to Enquire whether the members of the Artillery Company in this town are by Law Exempted from doing duty in the Continentall

& State Service unless Called upon in a Body it Passed in the affirmative. Accordingly made Choice of Majr Joshua Thomas Capt Abraham Hammett & Majr Nathaniel Goodwin a Committe for that purpose.

Then the following request was red viz

We the Subscribers, taking into Consideration the method practiced in this Town of Drafting men, would Propose to the Town, that a Committe of Five be Chosen to Advise with the Militia officers for the Future, in Case their Should be any More Calls for Soldiers, that in all Drafts regard may be had to all Services done and to the Estates that Each man Possesses. We allso Propose that two or more of the Sd Committee with the officers Shall Sign All Applications for money on press Warrents in future.

William Weston
Ichabod Holmes
Joseph Croswell
Thomas Morton Junr

Upon a Motion made & Seconded whether the Town would act upon the above request it passed in the Negative.

Then this Meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 20th Currant to 2 a Clock Afternoon.

[389.] The Expence of Buying Shirts &c For the Armey agreeable to the order of the Generall Court

To Capt Joseph Gannets Bill as Below viz To 92 Shirts Delivd Mr David Kingman at 24|	110	8	0
To my time & Trouble in Procureing said Shirts	6	0	0
To 2 shirts to the Selectmen at Plimouth at 24|	2	8	0
	£118	16	0
Supra Creadr			
By cash of Watson & Spooner April Ct	83	14	0
By cash of Ditto	5	2	0
By cash of Deacon Willm Crombie 50 Dollars	15	0	0
By Cash of James Drew 50 Dollars	15	0	0
	£118	16	0

Dr Further
11 pair Mens yarn stockings
8 prs of Spooner at 18\| & 3 of Symms at 18\| pd
25 pr shoes of Ben: Drew pd
To pd Mr Daniel Hutson for carryg the shoes & stockings to Capt Kingmans at Bridgewater, 15 pd
was pd by Ephraim Spooner he not yet paid for it
1 meal bag lent

Memo Orders are Drawn on the Town Treasurer for the payment of all the money Due to the above men with Intrst viz:

Watson & Spooner for	96	15	0
To Isaac Symms	2	14	0
To James Drew	15	0	0
To Deacn William Crombie	15	0	0
	£129	9	0

[390.] At a Meeting of the Town of (Plimouth) Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth July 20th 1778 by Adjournment from the 13th Currant—viz the March Meeting.

John Cotton Esqr the Moderator being Absent Thomas Mayhew Esqr was Chosen Moderator for the Day.

John Goddard being in Meeting after Some Considerable Discorse he offerd to Serve as Collector on the Conditions Below viz he to Collect the Tax for the whole Town Excepting Manument Ponds Precinct, the Town Voted to Give him Thirty pounds and the Usual Premuim of twelve pence on the pound, Excepting & Reserving liberty to those Inhabitants that pay in the money to said Goddard within three months after he shall have Given them Notice thereof That they who pay accordingly Shall Save the Premium of Six pence on the pound to themselves & the Sd Goddard the Collector Shall Deduct it accordingly out of their Taxes Allso he Shall Immediately after he receives the tax bills leave an account at Each mans house, or usual Place of abode of their Particular Taxes.

Then made Choice of Messrs John Goddard & Thomas Torrey Constables who were Sworn in town meeting by Thomas Mayhew Esqr.

Then voted & Directed the Committe for Supplyg the Grammer School, that they Procure a suteable Schoolmaster on the best terms they Can for the term of six months.

Then made Choice of Mr Jonathan Harlow Junr Constable & Collector for Manument Ponds & Sworn before Thomas Mayhew Esqr.

Allso Voted to Allow him a Premuim in the Same Proportion as is allowd to John Goddard above.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 27th Currant to 3 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth July 20th A D 1778.

Thomas Mayhew Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Then Voted and Directed the Selectmen to hire so much money as is necessary for paying the Bounty orderd by the Generall Court to be paid to Each of those men, that Go from this Town into the State of Rhode Island for the Defence thereof which is fourteen pounds a peace. And the Town will pay the Same & Save the Sd Selectmen from all Charge & Dammage therefrom.

Then voted that Genell Warren, William Watson Esqr & Capt Elkanah Watson be a Committe to take into Consideration the Petition of Mr. Nathl Healey our Presant Schoolmaster Desiring an addition to be made to his Sallery & report their opinion to the Town.

[**391.**] Voted & Chose Messrs Samuel Jackson Stephen Samson & John Goddard a Committee to Demand those Guns that belong to the Town which are lent to Several persons & If any persons refuse to return them Said Committe to Prosecute such persons Immediately.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth July 27th 1778 by Adjournment from ye 20th Currant viz the March Meeting—Joseph Bartlett Junr was Chosen of the Committe for Supplyg the Soldiers Familys agreeable to an order of the Generall Court in the room of Mr Nathl Morton Junr who Excused himself from any further Service in that affair.

Then the Meeting was adjournd to Monday ye 3rd of August next to 2 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth ye 15th day Sept Anno Domini 1778

John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Then Voted & made Choice of

Messrs Sylvanus Bartlett Andrew Croswell George Watson Esqr Thomas Davis & Thomas Jackson a Committee to take Into Conideration the two last Parregraphs in the Warrent Respecting Supplying the poor. And Respecting Giveing out the Rate bills to the Collector, and to report to the Town at the Adjournment what they think Proper for the Town to do in these affairs.

Then made Choice of Messrs Josiah Morton Junr & William Bartlett to Serve on the Petit Jury at the next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plimouth on the first tuesday of Octobr next.

And Messrs Samuel Jackson James Drew Eleazr Stephens

Joseph Croswell Samuel Cole & Thomas Jackson were Chosen to Serve on the Jury at the Meretime Court to be Holden at Plimouth ye 23rd day of Sept Currant.

Then the report of the Committee Respecting Mr Nathl Healey's Request Respecting his Sallery was read which was follows viz—

Your Committe agreeable to the Desire of the Town haveing taken into Consideration the Petition of Mr Nathaniel Healey relative to his haveing a further Allowance for Keeping the Grammer School, Beg leave to report, That it is our opinion that the Sd Mr Healey ought to be allowd one hundred pounds for the last years Service, and that no Deduction be taken from the Sd one hundred pounds for Board.

William Watson pr order of ye Committe.

Then Voted to accept said report & to allow & pay to Sd Mr Nathl Healey the Sd Sum of one hundred pounds for his years Sallery without any Deduction for Board.

Then this Meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 28th Currant to 3 a Clock P M.

[**392.**] Plimouth Septembr 23rd 1778.

Messrs Isaac Symmes Sylvanus Bartlett Sylvanus Harlow & Thomas Davis were Chosen to Serve on the Jury at the Meratime Court Holden at Plimouth this Day.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Septr ye 28th A D 1778 by Adjournment from ye 15th Currant, Voted & Made Choice of Capt Jesse Harlow Mr Stephen Samson & Mr Daniel Diman a Committe to make Enqiury whether they Can procure a Suteable person to Supply the Families of those Soldiers that are in the Continentall Armey belonging to this Town agreeable to the order of the Generall Court & upon what Terms, & to make report at the Adjournment.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 12th of Octobr next to 3 a Clock in the afternoon.

The Town met on the 12th of October 1778 according to adjournment And there being but few present, the meeting was further adjourned to Monday the 19th of October instant at 3 a Clock P M.

Attest John Cotton Modr.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth on ye 19th

Octobr 1778 by Adjournment from ye 12th Instant—Capt Jesse Harlow appeared in Town Meeting & offered to do the business of Supplying the Soldiers Famelys in the Town for the term of one year Agreeable to the order of the Generall Court for the Premium of Seven & a half per cent, viz he to have that premium for all the money he Disburts to them. The Town then voted to Give Said Harlow Sd Commissions for doing Sd business.

Then Voted & made Choice of Mr Sylvanus Bartlett William Watson Esqr & Mr James Drew a Committe to Inspect the rate bills that are or may be Given to Mr John Goddard our presant Collector, and See what money he may have Recd & how much he may have paid out from time to time and report to the Town from time to time how he hath Conducted as Collector Untill he Shall have Compleated all his Collections & paid in the Same, as he is or may be ordered. Allso to Give him their Advice what persons to make distraint upon as it may be necessary.

Then Voted and Directed the Assessors to make a Town Tax for a Sum not Exceeding Sixteen hundred pounds, Chiefly to Support the Famelys of those Soldiers that went into the Continentall Armey from this Town, to make Sd tax at the Same time they make the Presant State Tax.

*The Revd Mr Abraham Williams who was Chosen to Preach the next Anniversary Sermon in this Place for Reasons Excused himself.

Then made Choice of the Revd Jonathan Moor to Preach a Sermon on sd Day in this Place and then Chose William Watson Esqr, Majr Joshua Thomas & Isaac Lothrop Esqr to apply to him for that purpose.

[**393.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Novr 23rd A D 1778.

John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Then voted to raise the Sum of Three Thousand pounds Towards defreying the Charges of the Town the Currant year.

Then Voted & Chose William Watson Esqr Mr Thomas Jackson & Mr Isaac Symmes a Committe to take into Con-

* Rev. Abraham Williams declined, and Rev. Jonathan Moor was invited, who also declined, and Rev. Timothy Hilliard of Barnstable was invited and accepted.

sideration those Parregrafs in the Warrent Respecting Supplying the Soldiers familys, Determining who shall be Supplyd. Setting to work those persons that spend their time in Idleness & are Dayly beging from house to house. And respecting binding out those Chlidren that are in the Allmeshouse or Elsewhere in town that are brott up in Idleness & in the way to Ruin.

And report to the Town what they think Proper to be done in Those Cases.

Allso Sd Committe to report what they think Proper for the Town to do Respecting purchaseing any part of the Hospittall on Their Land at Donhams Neck. All at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

Messrs Phillip Leonard & Sylvanus Howes were Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury at Decr Cot next—viz the Second Tuesday of said month.

Then This Meeting was Adjournd to ye 30th Currant to 2 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Novembr 30th A D 1778 by Adjournment from ye 23rd Currant.

The Committe appointed by the Town to Wait on the Revd Jonathan Moore with the Vote of the Town Requesting him to Preach the next Anniversary Sermon in this town reported They had Recd a letter from that Gentleman Informing them that his affairs were so Circumstanced that he Could not preach a Sermon in this Town on Sd Day.

Then made Choice of The Revd Timothy Hilyard to Preach a Sermon in this Town on the next Anniversary of the first landing of our forefathers in this Place. And made Choice of the Honourabl James Warren Esqr Wililam Watson Esqr & Majr Joshua Thomas a Committe to Communicate Sd vote to Sd Gentleman & Desire his Complyance therewith.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to Wednesday ye 2nd day of Decr next to two of the Clock in the afternoon.

[**394.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Decembr 14 A D 1778

John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Moderator

Then voted to Prefer a Petition to the Generall Court of this State desiring they would Grant us a Precept for the

Choice of one more Representative, Capt Thomas Nicholson our Presant Representative being gone to Sea, & it is unlikely he will be able to attend the next Sessions of said Court.

Accordingly made Choice of Colo Theophilus Cotton an Agent for that purpose.

Then the Meeting was Adjournd to ye 21st Currant to 3 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Decr 21st by Adjournment from the 14th Currant.

Voted & Directed the Committe who were Chosen at a former meeting to Consider & Determine Respecting the Supplyg of the Soldiers familys & what Famelys Shall be Supplyd agreeable to the order of the Generall Court to report to the town at the next town meeting.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimo on ye 21st day of Decembr abovesd.

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Moderator.

Voted & directed the Selectmen to procure the Shirts &c for the Continentall Army agreeable to a late order of the Generall Court on the best terms they Can & Send them to the Agent appointed to receive them & the Town will pay all the Cost & Expence thereof.

viz 95 pr Shoes
95 pr Stockings
95 pr Shirts

Then voted & Directed the Selectmen to Enquire what Lead there is in this Town that belongs to the Town. & Allso What Gunlocks that belong to the Town, & to dispose of what is not needed by the Town of both of those articalls for the most they will fetch for the Bennefitt of the Town.

[**395.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth Janry 11th A D 1779 Isaac Lothrop Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Then made Choice of Messrs

Thomas Jackson	Nathaniel Morton Junr
Ezekiel Morton	James Doten
Stephen Samson	Ichabod Holmes &
	James Drew

a Committe to Repair to the Beach in this Town take Effectual Care that what Meteriall are now there Suteable for repairing the Same be Secured for that purpose, and to take

Care in Concert with the standing Committe for takeing Care of the Beach, That no neet Cattle, Sheep or horses be allowd to feed thereon. And to consider & report what the town had best do in the Premises, at the Adjournment.

Then voted that the thanks of the Town be given to the Revd Mr Timothy Hilliard for his very sensible & Elegant Sermon preached on the last anniversary in the Town & that a Committe be appointed To transmit to him this vote & at the Same time to express to him the hgh Sentiments This Town Entertains of his Conduct on this occasion & there wishes that the Situation of this town would admit them to ask a Copy to be printed for the Benefit of the publick.

Voted and appointed Wm Watson Esqr John Cotton Esqr & Ephm Spooner a Committee to Present the above vote to the Revd Mr Hilliard.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to ye 19th of Janry Currant 3 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Janry 19th 1779 by Adjournment from ye 11th Currant.

Isaac Lothrop Esqr the Moderator being Absent Thos Mayhew Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

The weather being Verry Could the Meeting was Adjournd to the School House.

Then after meeting in the School House The Report of the Committe Respectg Repairing the Beach was read and is in the Words following viz—

In Pursuance of a Vote of the Town of Plimouth on the 11th Instant the Committe then Chosen have Been & viewed the breaches made in the Town Beach in the late Storm, are of opinion that as the Season of the year is so verry Boisterous that it is best for the Town to lett the Beach lay as it is untill Some time late in the next Spring & then to Errect two Rows of Hedge fence at Each End of the Beach woods which is about three hundred yards and that their be Stuff procured for the same against that time. Plimouth Janry 19th 1779

Thomas Jackson James Drew James Doten Stephen Samson Committe.

Then voted to put of the Consideration of Said report untill the March meeting.

[**396.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth assem-

bled and held at the Court house in Plimouth Febry 25th Anno Domini 1779

Messrs Israel Clark Joseph Bartlett Junr Nathaniel Carver Stephen Doten Nathaniel Barnes & Benjamin Drew were appointed to Serve as the Jury at the Meratime Court to be holden at on the 2nd Day of March next

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house In Plimouth on Monday ye 8th day of March A D 1779.

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Moderator.

Ephraim Spooner Chosen Town Clerk & Sworn pr William Watson Esqr.

Then voted to Choose Selectmen & overseers of the Poor to be Distinct offices. Each to act in their particular Department.

Then made Choice of Deacn William Crombie Mr Isaac Symms Mr James Drew Capt Zacheus Bartlett & Ephraim Spooner Selectmen

Then voted to Choose a Committe of Eleven persons to take into Consideration the Distressing & most Alarming Circumstances of the Inhabitants of the Town for want of Bread, Corn & other Provisions & Report to the Town what they think Proper to be done in that affair at the Adjournment, Accordingly made Choice of

Ephraim Spooner	Colo George Watson
Colo Theophilus Cotton	Capt Thomas Davis
Mr Isaac Symms	Mr Thomas Jackson
Capt Thomas Nicholson	William Watson Esqr
Mr Samuel Jackson	Majr Nathl Goodwin

Isaac Lothrop Esqr a Committe for that purpose.

Then voted that Inasmuch as Mr Lemuel Morton Late of This Town Deceasd in his last will Generously Gave this Town one hundred pounds for the use of the poor of Sd Town, The Town Entertains the highest Sense of Grattetude of the Donor's Generossety & order this vote to be recorded and that a Copy thereof be Presented by the Town Clerk to his Sd Morton Executors.

[**397.**] At Sd meeting the Town voted that the State of the Case of those Lands Calld the Sheep pasture belonging to this Town & our title thereto as Drawn by John Cotton Esqr Should be Recorded in the Towns book which is In the words following viz—

In May 1703 The Town of Plymouth voted That a Particular Track of Land Consisting of three miles Square (perticularly discribed and bounded) Shall lay for a perpetual Common.

And then Granted the Use of it to Sundry Inhabitants (mentioned by name)to keep Sheep on, who had Subscribed to Provide Such a Number of Sheep Each—To them their Heirs & assigns forever, with Liberty for them to build a House for a Shepherd ;and for the Shepherd to break up, fence and improve 20 acres of said Land.

Liberty was allso granted any other Freeholder of the Town to joyn with them afterwards if they Saw cause, upon certain Terms.

The undertakers pursuant to the above Grant built a House & Folds on Said Land and put a Shepherd thereon; and improved it in that manner for 3 or 4 years or more. But after Tryal finding the Design unprofitable they wholly quitted it, withdrew their Sheep, took away their Folds and never made any Attempt of that Nature Since. So that the Use & Improvement of the Land reverted to the Town as much as if said Grant had never ben made; the Fee of it being in the Town before being never granted away. This Point is not contested by any. In the year 1706 Plimton (in which Part of the Land lyes)was made a Township being wholly taken off from Plymouth. In the year 1726 Kingston was made a Township (the greater Part of which was taken off from the ancient Town of Plymouth the rest from Duxborough & Pembroke). Part of the above Lands (and much the best Part) lyes within their bounds.

The Question then is Whether Plimpton & Kingston Shall come in for their proportianable Share of Said land as being Part of the ancient Town of Plymouth, when the above Grant was made, or whether they are cut off from any Claim by their becoming distinct Townships, and the whole of Said Common to belong to the present Town of Plymouth.

The Pleas that Plimpton & Kingston will use in support of their Claim will be—

I That Part of the Land lyes within their Bounds.

II That their Right as Proprietors cannot be lost meerly by their being joyned to a new society, without Some Act of the Court or Acquittance of their Right made by themselves.

To this we answer

1st That if they claim meerely as Proprietors (Separate from the 1st Plea of the Lands lying partly in their Towns) then their Claim would equally extend to the other Commons lying wholly within the present Town of Plymouth (and even to the very land our Meeting House Stands upon) which is certainly absurd, and what they never pretended to. So that it seems the Controversy will chiefly (if not wholly) turn upon this Point, whether Part of the Lands lying within their Bounds gives them a Right

2d If this be the Case the necessary Consequence is— Each Town must take the whole included

[398.] within their Respective Bounds, There is the Same Reason for taking all as any Part, but how unreasonable is this? Then Kingston would have the largest & best share (altho the Smallest of all) Plimpton would have but a trifle, and Plymouth (who had 20 or 30 Inhabitants to one at the Time of the Grant) would be put off with a Third or less, quantity & quality considered.

3rd It's being included within their Limits only proves their Jurisdiction not their Property. Tis the Same here as in personal Cases. For Surely a Town may own Land in another Town (as Plymouth once did & now do in Middleboro) as well as Individuals.

4th There is no need of a formal Acquittance of their Property. Their very asking for a Township is an implicit giving up their Rights as Members of the Town of Plymouth. Tis as much a Just claim of all their common and Town Rights, as if they removed out of the County.

III Plimpton in particular will urge that Plymouth have already granted that they have a Right to Part of this land by their choosing a Committe in the year 1716 to treat with them about a Division of it, and that Said Committe agreed that Plymouth Should have two Thirds, and Plympton one Third of Said Sheep Pasture. To this it may be answered

1st That no Record of any Part of this Proceeding can be found in Plymouth Town Book (altho it has been carefully Searched leaf by leaf) no account of any Committe Chosen for that purpose, or any Sort of agreement made or Report returned to the Town. But all that is found about (it)is in Plimpton Records only which evidences Plymouths final Dislike of the Proceedings; and therefore order'd their

Clerk, that no Traces of it Should appear on their Records.

2nd If Such a Division was really proposed in that Day, it might have been founded more upon what they thought Principles of Equity, than from any apprehension of Plimptons legal Right; which tis not likely they even Strictly Enquired into And the Agreement being never compleated nor confirmed by the Town, it is the Same thing as if nothing had been done.

IV Kingston in particular will Plead the words of the Court Grant, when they were made a Township, which run thus—"Provided & be it further enacted, that nothing in this Act contained Shall be construed, deemed, judged or intended to hinder or prejudice the Right & Interest of all or any Persons whatsoever in any of the common or undivided Lands within the Town of Plymouth & Kingston aforesaid, but the Same Shall remain as heretofore."

Some of Good Judgement among us think this makes against them. It appearing from Some Minutes left, that this was the Grand objection made use of against their being a Township (which was violently opposed by Plymouth) That they would take off some of the best of our Common Land. The Court to remove the Difficulty declare, That the Grant of a Township Should not affect the Common Land, but that that Should remain as before: That is, Say they, it Should remain to the Town of Plymouth as it before did. But Kingston interpret the Grant otherwise, and think it established their Right. Here then we query, who puts the most proper Construction on the words of the Grant? But let This Query be resolved as it will. It is the Province of the general Court to determine upon Property; Does not that belong to another Department, namely to the executive Courts; Whatever apprehension our Fathers might have upon the Point when they made the objection. The general Court only grants Jurisdiction and that we are willing they should have. But admitting the Courts' Right & Design to meddle with Property, and to settle the Controversy between the Parties, there is a Circumstance attending it, which Shows how Plymouth understood it at the time, which they would not have done if they had not known it had been in their Favour, in which Point they could not be mistaken. It seems to be a perpetual Memento to guard against any further Claim from Kingston.

[399.] In the last Place, we would observe is general respecting these Claims That Plimpton may claim as a Town, being wholly taken off from Plymouth, but Kingston cant do this being partly taken off from Pembroke & Duxboro, who never had any thing to do with our Commons. How then can Kingston establish any Sort of Claim? They say, as Proprietors & Individuals (tho' not as a Society) many of them being derived from the ancient Inhabitants of Plymouth. To this I answer

1st What Confusion will this make for Plimpton to claim in one Capacity, and Kingston in another: How can their respective Claims be ever adjusted?

2nd The Proprietors as such have nothing to do with the Sheep Pasture: It belonged to the Town, and never was granted to the Proprietors so Called: The greater Part of the other common Lands was indeed granted to them by the Town, but not this, nor the mile & half Lands so called. They were both expressly reserved, and the Town always held the Fee of them as a collective Body, and not otherwise.

(N B The Case between the Town & Proprietors is particularly Stated in the last Town Book)

But

3rd Supposing the Proprietors have a Just Claim to this Land, then neither of the Towns (as Such) have anything to do with it. How they Came Plymouth & Plimpton (as Towns) to talk of dividing it between them in the year 1716, the Proprietors never claiming or protesting against it, at a time when the Case was fully known.

4th If they claim as Proprietors & Individuals then may Hallifax as well claim as they, one half of which was included in the ancient Town of Plymouth. What a Jumble & Confusion of Claims will this make; and how impossible to Settle them.

4th If they claim as Individuals then first every Individual that ever belonged to the Town may put in a Claim tho' they are removed a hundred miles off, which is absurd. Their being no longer Townsmen of Plymouth cuts them off. Their ceasing to be members of the corporate Society which constitutes the Township deprives them of the Rights belonging to them as such; and the like may be said here.

2nd If they claim as Individuals how can their Right

(if they ever had any) be ever Ascertained; who can tell how many Inhabitants lived within their bounds and ours at that Day? and must not this be known in order to make a just Division?

Claiming then as Individuals must by no means be admitted. An uncertain Right is no Right. A Doubtful Claim must expire in the Birth. Lawyers that have some years ago been consulted in the case, who were fully of the opinion that it was clear in our Favour, are Mr John Adams, Coll Otis & James Otis Junr and Mr Leonard.

Then Chose Colo Theo Cotton, Majr Joshua Thomas & Eph Spooner a Committe to Enquire into the Circumstances of Law Resptctg Sd Land.

Then made Choice of Messrs Stephen Doten James Doten & Majr Nathaniel Goodwin Assessors

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Town Treasurer.

Then the Votes for a County Treasurer were brought in & sealed up in Town Meeting by Mr John Goddard Constable & Delivd to him to Keep.

Then Made Choice of Capt Thomas Nicholson Capt John Gray Mr James Drew & Ephraim Spooner Were Chosen a Committe of Correspondence &c

Then voted that this Town Inasmuch as Capt Thomas Nicholson our Presant Representative is returnd from sea, and it is likely will attend his Duty at sd Court the remainder of the year, That they will not choose another Representative at this time.

Majr Nathaniel Goodwin Mr. Samuel Bartlett Junr were chosen overseers of the Poor.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to Monday the 15th day of March Currant to ten a Clock in the forenoon.

[**400.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 15th day of March 1779 by Adjournment from ye 8th Currant. Then Voted to choose a Committe of 15 persons to Consider of the matter of Regulating the takg alewives in ye Town Brook, they to Report at the Adjournment what they think best for ye Town to do in the affair, & then made choice of

Ephrm Spooner	Thomas Jackson
Capt Thomas Davis	Colo Watson
William Watson Esqr	Ichabod Holmes

Nathl Morton Junr
Ebenr Samson
John Harlow
Colo Cotton
Capt Robert Finney
Capt Sylvanus Harlow
Capt Benjamin Ryder
Capt Stephen Churchill
Capt Nathl Carver

to be sd Committe

Then voted to take Quantity of Alewives for sail not Exceeding 200 barrels out of the brook runing out of half way pond.

Messrs Sylvanus Bartlett, Joseph Bartlett Junr Caleb Howland Seth Morton John Cornish John Bartlett were chosen Surveyors of Highways

Messrs Thomas Nicholson Timothy Goodwin Joseph Howland John Cotton ye 3d Nathl Lewis Isaac Barnes John Goddard Caleb Howard Amaziah Harlow George Ellis Capt John Bartlett were Hogreeves.

Then the Act for the observation of the Sabath & Regulating the Choice & Duty of Wardens:

Majr Joshua Thomas Deacn William Crombie Capt William Harlow Mr. John Goodwin Mr. Thomas Bartlett Capt Zacheus Bartlett were chosen Wardens.

[**401.**] Then voted to choose a Committe to Consider (a) Petition of Capt Thomas Turner Praying this Town would pay him the bounty he paid to two continentall soldiers that went in his company for this Town. Then voted to choose a Committe to Consider of sd Petition. Accordingly made choice of

Majr Joshua Thomas Capt Thomas Nicholson Mr James Symms to be sd Committe & to report at the Adjurnment.

Then chose Capt Zacheus Bartlett Mr. Benjamin Cornish Capt John Bartlett Mr. James Wright a committe to take care of Halfway Pond brook.

Messrs Seth Morton Ezekiel Morton were chosen a Committe to take care Ellriver Herring brook.

Messrs James Drew Thomas Jackson & Stephen Churchill were chosen Gaugers of Cask & Packers of Fish.

Messrs Seth Morton David Lothrop Benja Drew were chose tythegmen.

Messrs Benjamin Drew Thomas Spooner were chosen sealers of Leather.

Messrs Thomas Southworth Howland Ichabod Holmes & Ebenezr Nelson were chosen cullers of Fish.

Messrs William Watson Esqr Samuel Cole were chosen clerks of the market.

Sylvanus Bartlett Capt Thomas Nicholson Mr Caleb Howland Branch Blackmer Thomas Jackson were chosen fence viewers & field Drivers.

Messrs General Warren Elkanah Watson Ichabod Holmes Thomas Jackson & Ephraim Spooner were chosen firewards.

Messrs John Waterman Lemuel Drew James Doten Junr were chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

Messrs Thomas Jackson James Drew Stephen Churchill & Lemuell Drew were chosen viewers & cullers of staves & hoops & surveyors of clapboards & shingles.

[**402.**] Messrs Seth Mendall Deacn William Crombie John Cotton Junr Seth Morton were chosen Deerreeves.

Messrs Generall Warren Nathaniel Morton Junr Phillip Leonard Josiah Morton Junr Samuel Bartlett & George Ellis were chosen to take care of Plymouth Beach agreeable to the Laws of this state.

Messrs William Watson Esqr Nathaniel Lothrop & Ephraim Spooner were chosen a Committe to hire a sexton on the most reasonable terms they can.

Messrs Thomas Davis Thomas Nicholson & John Watson were chosen a committe to hire a Collector for the whole Town except Manument Ponds Precinct & report at the Adjournment.

Messrs Branch Blackmer Josiah Clark were chosen a Committe to hire a Collector for Manument ponds & report at the Adjournt.

Messrs John Waterman Jonathan Diman were chosen Grand Jurors for the year Ensuing.

Messrs Lemuel Bartlett William Lebarron were chosen to serve on the Petit Jury at next April Court.

Then this meetting was Adjournd to Tuesday ye 23d Currant at ten a Clock in the forenoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Tuesday ye 23d March 1779 by Adjournment from ye 15th Currant.

The report of the Committe appointed to Consider the Request of Capt Thomas Turner of Pembrook Praying this Town would pay him the bounty of sixty pounds he paid or obligated himself to pay over & above the Continentall & state bounty to two Soldiers now in the Continental Armey

who Inlisted with him sd Turner and were Determined by the Generall Courts committe they shall serve for this Town, was read & is in the words following viz—

That it does not appear to your Committee from any Paper Exhibited by Capt Thomas Turner, that he ever paid the Soldiers any Bounty, ~~neither is their~~ any proper petition to the town, for the reimbursement of the sums aforesaid, it is our opinion therefore that the matter subside for the present

Joshua Thomas pr order.

Then a vote was Called to know if the Town will accept said report, it Passed in the Affirmative.

[**403.**] At said Meeting the Report of the Committe chosen to consider the matter of takeing the Alewives in the Town Brook & propose what method the town had best take in that matter reported as follows viz:

We the subscribers being appointed by the Town of Plimouth at their meeting ye 15th March A D 1779 to Consider what methods the Town had best to come into respecting the Alewives that usually Pass thro the Town Brook up to Billington Sea to Cast their spawn. After considering of the matter are Clearly of opinion that it is Highly necessary that Effectual care should be taken that the fish should not be Stop't in their Passing up & down this sd brook so as to Allter their usual Course and since Provisions are Exceeding scarce in this Town at Presant & are likely to be scarcer, The Committe propose (In order that all the Inhabitants may have an opportunity to get for Each family a Proper Quantity) That none of the sd fish shall be taken below the Bridge that leads over the brook at the upper side of Deacon Crombies Tanyard, unless the Committe for takeing care of the brook see fit to alter the place, and by no person whatsoever exceptg those. the town or their Committe shall appoint. The Comittee would Propose that some suitable persons should be hired to catch the herrings for the whole Town, they to have a proper reward for their Trouble, which Expence shall be Defrayd by the sale of sd fish, and for the Effectual putting into Execution the method Proposd abovesd. The committe advise that a respectable Committe be chosen to see that no person breaks over the sd Regulation under the pains & Penaltys of the Laws of this state regulateing the Herring brooks therein, sd Committee to Procure sutable

persons to catch sd Fish & to Watch sd brook. Allso to agree with them what shall be allowd to salt & barrell up for sail any of sd fish under the pains & Penalty of twenty pounds for each barrell he or they shall Catch & barrell up for sail as abovesd & in the same proportion for a less Quantity than a barrell, which Forfeiture or fine shall be sued for & recoverd by sd Committee or any freeholder in this Town, one half of which shall be for the Prosecution & the other half for the Use of the Poor of this Town sd Committee would further propose, that the Town in Town Meeting or the Committee for taking care of sd brook shall Determine how many Herring or Alewives, each family shall have & at what time, Giveing the Prefferance to the Distressed & needy & those That are not able to buy their Proportion of said fish shall have them given to them. Furthermore the sd Committee Recommend it to all the Good people in this Town to do all in their Power that sd Fish may be made as Beneficiall to all the Inhabitants, the Poor & needy in speciall as Possable. All which is submited by

Thomas Davis	Nathl Morton Junr
William Watson	Ephrm Spooner
George Watson	Sylvanus Harlow
Ichabod Holmes	Stephen Churchill
John Harlow	Thomas Jackson
Ebenezr Samson	Nathl Carver

Plymouth March 17th 1779.

Then voted to accept the Report of said Committe.

Then the late order of the Generall Court was read respecting supplying the Soldiers Familys, after which The Town Voted to choose a Committe of three persons to procure necessarys for the Soldiers Familys in the absence of Capt Jesse Harlow the Towns Agent for the purpose. Accordingly choose

Capt William Weston Mr Samuel Bartlett Junr
& Capt Thomas Davis

for that purpose.

[**404.**] At said Meeting the order of the Generall Court for supplyg of the Soldiers familys was read Then Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to Procure necessarys for the soldiers familys & see that the Necessarys are Deliverd by Capt Jesse Harlow the Towns Commissioner or otherwise. Accordingly made choice of Messrs William

Weston Samuel Bartlett Thomas Davis were chosen sd committee.

Then voted the Committee for hireing a Collector or Collectors for the Preasant year be Desired to continue their Endeavours to procure a Collector or Collectors on the best terms they can & report at the Adjournment. Then the Meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 29th March Currant at two a Clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plymouth March 29th 1779 by Adjournment from the 23rd Currant.

Then Voted to Reconsider the vote for the choice of overseers of the Poor for the Preasant year & of choice the Present Selectmen are Dismissed from said office at their Desier.

Then voted to choose 7 Selectmen the present year

Messrs William Weston Andrew Croswell Nathaniel Goodwin Nathaniel Morton Junr Josiah Clark Thomas Jackson, Benjamin Drew were chosen selectmen.

The letter of Mr. Martin Brimmer of Boston Informing of a Present of a Cask of Bread was read is as follows.

Plimouth 29th March 1779

Gentn

I beg leave to present you with a hogshead of Bread, which I desire you to distribute among the Poor, of whom you are chosen the overseers. I would wish to distinguish, at all times (more especially at this present Scarcity of Corn) those who are proper objects, I mean the old, who are past labour, the poor widow & the orphan. The lazy & the sottish it is not charity to support, but I need not mention this to you Gentn who are so well calculated for all the wise purposes of the Institution.

I am Gentn Your most Hble Servt

M Brimmer.

The Bread will be delivered you at Colo Watsons store.
Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Plymouth.

Then voted that the thanks of this Town be Presented to Mr Martin Brimmer for his Generosity & kindness shewn to this Town in making said Present which is a verry Great service to the Town at this time of scarcity & accordingly made choice of

Messrs Thomas Nicholson &
Ephraim Spooner

said Committee.

[**405.**] Then voted to receive the Report of the Committee Respecting the beach as Enterd January 19th See folio page 395 was twice read. Then voated accept sd report & accordingly Messrs James Drew Peter Shurtleff Ichabod Holmes were chosen sd Committee to Procure the stuff & do the business as mentiond in sd report. Voted sd commitee allso be added to the Number allready chosen to take (care) of the beach agreeable to the Law of this state regulateing the same.

Then voted to choose a Committee of 19 Persons to take care of the Herring brook agreeable to the Town vote & acaccordingly made choice of

Messrs William Crombie	Ephraim Spooner
Ichabod Holmes	Nathaniel Carver
William Harlow	Sylvanus Harlow
Ebenezer Nelson	Stephen Churchill
Andrew Croswell	Nathaniel Morton Junr
Thomas Jackson	Thomas Nicholson
John Harlow	Samuel Bartlett Junr
James Drew	Ezra Burbank
Ebenezer Samson	Sylvanus Bartlett

Robert Finney

Then this meeting was adjournd to Monday ye 5th of April next 3 a Clock P M

At a meeting of the Town of Plymouth April 5th A D 1779 by Adjournment from ye 29th past.

Then voted their should be nine Selectmen the Preasant year 3 allready chose viz:

Messrs Nathaniel Morton Junr Andrew Croswell Josiah Clark, and then chose Messrs Ephraim Spooner Thomas Nicholson Samuel Bartlett Junr Isaac Symms James Drew William Watson Esqr were chosen selectmen which compleats the number of nine.

Then Voted that three of the said Selectmen shall be a Quorum.

Then voted to add 3 Persons to the Committee for procuring a Collector the Present year, the Committee to make Enquiry what is the Lowest sum they can Procure a Collector for & report to the Town what they think Proper for the Town to do as to Geting a Collector at the Adjournment.

Messrs Ephraim Spooner Nathaniel Morton Junr Andrew Croswell were chosen said committee.

Then voted that the Town will allow & pay out of the Town Treasury to Manument ponds Precinct all the money they pay towards the support of the Grammer school & their Proportion of the Intrest money, that is appropriated for the use of the school, Provided they will lay out the same in mentaining a school in sd Precinct to which all the Inhabitants shall have a right.

Allso Voted as to the other schools at the ends of the Town. This Town will do what is Just & right in supporting any schools therein whenever they are Requested by any Considerable number of the Inhabitants.

[406.] Then voted to choose a Committee of three Persons to Examine & settle all the accounts this Town hath against the severall soldiers that went for this Town into the Continental army and Exhibit the same to the Genll Court agreeable to their order.

Then Messrs Eleazr Stephens William Crombie James Drew were chosen sd committee.

Then choose Messrs Nathaniel Goodwin Samuel Bartlett Junr & Isaac Lothrop Esqr a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers books obligations & accounts & report ye state of the same as soon as may be.

Then voted that the Town Treasurer shall Call upon all the Delinquent Collectors that have been Indebted to the Town for more than two years & if they dont pay their debt, to issue execution or Commence sute against all such as dont pay as soon as may be.

Then voted & Choose Capt Thomas Davis William Crombie & John Watson a Committee to supply the Grammer school with a sutable schoolmaster.

Then voted the Selectmen be Directed to procure some sutable person or persons to supply the Soldiers familys with the Assistants of Capt Jesse Harlow & Nathl Carver on the best terms they can.

Then the meeting was adjournd to ye 19th Currant at 3 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plymouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on the 19th March A D 1779 by Adjournment from ye 5th Currant.

Then voted & choose Mr. John Goddard to be Constable & Collector for the Presant year for the whole Town Excepting Monument ponds Precinct for the Premium of 12d pr

pound for Collecting & paying in the Towns money & the Further allowance of one hundred & fifty pounds Lawfull money he to Give bonds to save the Town harmless on his accot, sd Goddard appeard in meeting & consented thereto and allso agreed that If the Committee for Procureing a Collector could Get one on Better Terms for the Town he would surrender up said office to such person.

Then made choice of William Rider Constable & Collector for Monument Ponds. Then voted to allow the Collector for Monument ponds the same Premium of 12d on the pound as abovesd & In the same Proportion an Extraordiary Premium for Collecting in that part of the town that shall be Given for Collecting the money in Town the Present year.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to ye 10th of May next to 3 a clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth April 19th 1779.

John Cotton Esqr chosen Moderator. Then voted to allow Jonathan Harlow Junr thirty two shillings & 4d being so much counterfit money he Recd for taxes as Collector for 1778, & cant tell of whom. And the Town Treasurer is hereby Directed to Disct the same with sd Harlow.

[407.] At said Meeting made choice of William Watson Esqr & Mr. Isaac Symms a committe to Examine the Counterfitt money that Mr. John Goddard Collector for 1778 Prays an allowance for, being what he took for rates & cant tell of whom They to certify the amount thereof to the Treasurer & he to Disct the same with sd Goddard out of the Town tax.

Then voted to sell the Fort on Coles Hill for the most it will fetch either at vendue or otherways. Accordingly made choice of Messrs James Drew Benjamin Drew & Sylvanus Harlow a committe for that purpose.

Then voted to raise the sum of three Thousand pounds towards Defreyg the charges of the Town the Currant year.

Allso voted that the Assessors in makeing the next Town Tax are Directed not to lett the surplussage Exeed two hundred pounds.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth May 10, 1779.

Voted to choose but one Representative the present year.

Then made choice of the Honourable James Warren Esqr to be our Representative at the Great & Generall Court the Currant year.

Then John Cotton Esqr was chosen Moderator. Then the order of the Generall Court was read requesting the severall towns in this state to Declair their sentiments respecting a state convention Drawg up a Constitution or form of Government for Governing the Inhabitants of this state for the Future was read. After which a vote was Called to know whether the town chooses at this time to have a new form of Government made. It passed in the Negative fifty-nine votes against it, and two votes for it.

Then voted to choose a committe of five men to repair to the Corn or Grist Mill on the town brook and Direct the millers to procure Good & Sufficiant Scails & weights at their respective mills & to weigh all the Grane they receive in & weigh & Deliver out all the meal they grind agreeable to Law.

Said Committe allso to Inspect the mill & see that they make Proper meal, and In case of Failyer they to Inform the Town that they may take such order thereon as they shall think Proper. Then made choice of Messrs Stephen Samson Sylvanus Bartlett John Watson William Crombie & John Bartlett Junr said committee.

[**408.**] Voted & Directed the selectmen to procure a suteable person to transact the business of supplying the Soldiers Familys agreeable to the order of the Generall Court.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to ye 17th day of May Currant.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth May 17th 1779.

Thomas Mayhew Esqr chosen Moderator. Then voted that the Honourable James Warren Esqr our Presant Representative be & he hereby is Directed with all Convenient speede, to Petition the Great & Generall Court of this state, Praying them to allow this Town a part of the herrings or alewives that run through the brook in the Town of Sandwich into what is called Herring Pond, to Cast their spawn, which pond lyeth mostly in this Town & the remainder in the Town of Sandwich, or otherways to allow us Liberty Annually to sein sd fish in that part of said pond that layeth in this town, as they shall think proper.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth June 7th A D 1779.

Ephraim Spooner the Town Clerk being absent Capt Thomas Nicolson was chosen Clerk for the Day.

Messrs Thomas Nicolson	Ichabod Shaw
Eben Nellson	Nathaniel Goodwin &
Stephen Samson	Stephen Churchill

were appointed to serve on the Jury at the meratime Court to be holden at Plimouth the 16th day of June Currant.

And Messrs Jonathan Harlow Junr & Seth Holmes were appointed to serve on the Petit Jury at the Next Inferiour Court &c to be holden at Plimo on the first Tuesday of July next.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 5th day of July A D 1779.

John Cotton Esqr was chosen moderator.

Then voted to choose one Dellegate to represent this Town in a Convention of Committees from the several Towns in this state Proposd to meet at Concord on the 14th day of July Currant agreeable to a request by Letter from the Committe of Correspondance &c for the Town of Boston to the like committe for this town, To take into Consideration the verry alarming circumstances of the Depreciation of our Currancy & the verry high Prices that the necessary's & conveniences of life & all matters of merchandize &c are sold for at this day to advise what is Proper to be done in those Important matters, or any others that may

[**409.**] come under their consideration.

Then voted & directed the committe of correspondance &c for this town to choose one of their number to meet in Convention at Concord as aforesd.

Then voted the Town will choose one more Delegate to meet in Convention at Concord as aforesd & Deferd the choice of him untill the adjournment.

Then this meeting was adjournd to Thursday ye 8th of July Instant to be held at the meeting house in the first Precinct in Plimouth at 5 a Clock P M.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth the 8th day of July by Adjournment from the 5th currant. John Cotton Esq the Moderator being Absent Colo Theophilus Cotton was chosen Moderator.

Then made choice of Colo Theophilus Cotton a Delegate to Joyn with Ephraim Spooner one of the members of the Committe of Correspondance &c for this town both which are to Represent this Town at the Convention of Committes from the Severall Towns in this state, to meet at Concord on the 14th day of July Currant for the Purposes as Entd ye 5th Currant.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth July 13th 1779.

John Cotton Esqr was chosen moderator.

Isaac Lothrop Esqr chosen clerk for the Day E Spooner the clerk being out of town.

Then the meeting was Adjourned to Fryday ye 16th currant 3 a Clock P M.

The Town met according to Adjournment. And voted that whereas the Generall Court of this state in their Late order for new Levies for the Continental Army, have engaged that such Towns as raise their proper Quotas shall be allowd one hundred & twenty pounds for each able Bodyd man so Raised, to be Deducted out of their next State Tax. It is voted by the Town to pay said sum (as soon as it can be raised & collected) To each able bodied man or their order, that have Inlisted for & Dureing the whole war, and the selectmen are Directed to Give notes to the several men so Inlisted payable in six months.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth August 4th A D 1779.

Voted that whereas this town, at their meeting ye 16th of July last, Directed the selectmen in the towns behalf to Give notes to each of those soldiers that shall Inlist into the Continental army dureing the war (and be acceptd accordingly) for the sum of one hundred & twenty pounds payable in six months without intrest, which is the sum allowd as pr the Resolve of the Generall Court in June last. Now Inasmuch as the Selectmen were obliged to Give notes on Intrest, or Demand for sd sums, the town approves of their conduct & Hereby Promises to pay sd notes accordingly & save the selectmen from all charge & Damage about the same.

[**410.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Augt 4th 1779.

The Honourbl James Warren Esqr was chosen Modera-

tor. Then the Transaction or Proceedings of the late Convention of this state that met at Concord ye 14th day of July ultimo for settleing an Arrangement of the Prices of the necessarys & conveniences of life and forming such other regulations for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof as they thot Proper was read, and after being duly Considered, The Town voted unanimously that they appróve of the same & will pursue the measures therein Recommended in every respect as far as they are able.

Then voted to Choose a Committe of fifteen persons to Consider & Determine the prices of Inholders, Labour of all kinds, and the manufactures of this Town & all the necessarys & conveniences of life, that are bought & sold in this place, and report to the town at the Adjournment. Then made choice of

Mr John Blackmer	Mr. Lemuel Drew
John Cotton Esqr	Mr David Lothrop
Mr Stephen Samson	Mr Benjamin Drew
Colo Theophilus Cotton	Mr Sylvanus Bartlett
Mr James Drew	Capt Nathaniel Torrey
William Watson Esqr	Capt Thomas Nicolson
Mr Joseph Croswell	Majr Nathaniel Goodwin

& Ephraim Spooner

a committe for that purpose.

Then made choice of Majr Joshua Thomas Mr Isaac Symms The Honourbl James Warren Esqr Mr Samuel Bartlett Jun & Mr. Abraham Hammet a committe to take into consideration the matter of buying & selling silver or Gould or receiving the same in part or whole for rents a Practice that hath been verry hurtfull to this Country of late years. Allso to take into consideration the Circumstances of the schools in this town. And allso to take into Consideration the Eleventh resolve of sd convention and report what they think Proper for the Town to do in those cases at the Adjournment. Then made choice of John Cotton Esqr a member for this town, to meet in a state convention to be Convend & held at Cambridge on the first day of Septembr next for the sole purpose of framing a new Constitution for the Governing this state in future.

Then voted & Directed the Selectmen to procure those shirts, shoes & stockings Requested by the Generall Court of this Town for the Continental Army the present year, on the Best terms they can, and the Town will pay for the same.

Then voted & Directed our Representative The Honourable James Warren Esqr for reasons to Beg leave to withdraw the Petition he lately preferd to the Geenrall Court Respectg those alewives that usually Go thro' the Town of Sandwich into Herring pond in this Town to spawn.

[411.] The Town made choice of Capt Nathaniel Torrey Mr Thomas Jackson Majr Nathaniel Goodwin a Committe to Devise what ways & means will be best for this town to pursue for supplyg the Soldiers Familys with Provisions &c agreeable to an order of the Generall Court and report to the town at the adjournment.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to tuesday the 10th day of Augst Instant to 2 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Augst 10th A D 1779 by Adjournment from ye 4th Instant. General Warren the Moderator being absent John Cotton Esqr was chosen Moderator.

The report of the Committe for settleing the Prices of the Necessarys & conveniences of life & articalls of Commerce was read & is as follows.

The Committe appointed by the Town of Plimouth at their meeting the 4th of Augst Instant to take into Consideration the Prices of Sundry of the necessarys & conveniences of life & report their opinion what Price they ought to bear from the 10th Instant to the first of Octobr next have attended that service and haveing maturely considered the matter beg leave to report as follows: After enumerateing the Articall mentioned by the late state Convention, the transacting of which this town by their express vote ye 4th Instant agreed to Ratify & Confirm viz:

Your committe propose that the below Articalls shall not be sold higher than the Prices affexed to them as below.

Good Blooming Iron 30, 0 pr ct 24, 0, pr ct for working it.

For shoeing a horse with four new shoes made of Tuff iron, 80.

Price of Inholders

For a Dinner	£1	2	0
For a Supper or Breakfast	0	18	0
For a Mug of Tody or flip	0	16	0
For a Nights Lodgg	0	6	0
For Keeping a Horse one night	1	0	0
For a Mugg Cyder	0	3	0

Labour

House wrights	3	8	0	pr Day
Ship wrights	3	16	0	pr Day
Brick & Stone Layers	3	16	0	pr Day
Mowing & reaping	2	14	0	pr Day
Common Labour	2	8	0	pr Day

	pr Hhd			pr barrell			pr Singl Gall		
West India rum	5	0	0	5	15	0	0	6	6
New England Do	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	16
Molasses	3	12	0	3	19	0	0	4	7

Coffee 15 pr bagg 16-6 pr Doz 18 Singl lb
Brown Sugar £50-0 pr ct pr Hhd 11 pr lb
Ditto 65 pr ct 14 pr lb
Chocolat 20 pr lb pr box 22 pr Doz 24 Singl pound
Bohea Tea 4-16 pr Chest, 5-6 pr Doz, 5-16 Single lb.
German steel 30 pr ct 33 pr barr 36 single lb.
Cotton wool 30 pr bag 33 pr doz 36 single lb.
Salt of the Best Quality 9, 0 a bus or Larger Quantity.
Indian Corn 4, 10 pr bushell.
Rye 6, 0 pr bushell.
Wheat 9, 0 pr bushell.
by lott or small Quantity.
Beefe 6 pr lb to 1st Sept then at 5 pr lb.
Foreign Beef 60, 0 a bbl Pork 70, 0, 200 lb each.
Butter 12, cheese 6 pr lb.
Mutton, Lamb, Veal 4 pr lb each.
European Goods in the same proportion as to advance as West India Goods.

[412] Fresh Fish 1 pr lb.

Shoes.

Mens best shoes 6, 0 a pair.
Womans Ditto 4, 10 do.
Summer Apples 12 pr bush.
Good sheeps wool for Cloathg 24 pr lb.
Good flax 12 pr lb.
The price of sheepskins with the wool on to be in Proportion with the Price of wool as above Regulated.
Weaveing Good Cotton & Ling Cloath 9 pr yd.
Good Merchantable boards at 25, 0 pr m.
Good white oak barrells 60 pr
Good read oak Ditto 50 pr
Men's Good felt hatts 3, 12 pr
Smaller Hats in Proportion
Good Tallow 12 pr lb.
Good Tallow Candles 18 pr lb.
Horse Shoeing with four new shoes made of Tuff Blooming Iron 4, 0.

Tanners.

Good Sole Leather at 18 pr lb.
Raw Hides Green ones 3-8 pr lb.

Block Makers.

Blocks at 2-16 pr Inch.
Other Articalls in their way in the same Proportion.

Teaming.

A Team sufficiant to carry a ton 7, 0 pr Day.
For Cartg a ton a mile 13.

Horse Hire, etc.
Horse hire single 4 pr mile.
Ditto in a Carriage 6 pr mile.
Chair hire 3 pr mile.
Chaise hire 4 pr mile.
Good oak wood 9, 0 pr cord.
Good pine Ditto 7, 0 pr cd.
Earley made Cyder 5, 0 pr bbl.
Late made Do.
Good English Hay.
Good Salt Hay.

All which is submitted signd

John Cotton pr order.

Plimouth Augst 10th 1779.

Then the Town Voted unanimously to accept sd Report.

Then voted that Whereas the late state convention at Concord have agreed upon regulateing the prices of several Articalls and have recommended it to the several Towns in this state to make a further regulation, And the Town of Plimouth haveing adopted their Plan. It is thot best in order to accomplish the Great end proposd that their should be a County Convention, and accordgly this Town Propose to the Severall Towns in this county that they meet by their Delegates at the House of Mr Caleb Loring in Plimton on tuesthe 24th day of Augst Instant to concert Proper Measures to bring this Plan into Effect Trusteing that none of the towns will be Backward in this important affair upon which the safety & Happeness If not the verry being of these states does so much Depend, and Ephraim Spooner was chosen a Committe to transact this vote to the several Towns in the County.

[**413.**] At said meeting the Town made choice of Colo Theophilus Cotton Majr Joshua Thomas & Ephraim Spooner Delegates to meet at the Convention of this County at the House of Mr Caleb Loring in Plimton on tuesday ye 24th of Augst Instant at 11 a Clock A M for the purposes as Contained in the Preceeding vote.

Then the report of the Committe Respecting Carryg into Execution the Resolution of the late convention at Concord was read, and is as follows:

Your committe haveing maturely weighed the Important matters referd to their consideration beg leave to report, that it will be expedient for the town to adopt the following Resolutions, viz:

First, That nothing in the opinion of this Town has contributed more to Depreciate our paper currency, or had a more Direct tendancy to Distroy the relative Value Between this medeum & all kinds of Property, which it was Designd to Represent, Than the pernicious practice of buying & selling silver & Gould, & Demanding Either of them in part or whole for Goods or rents. It is Therefore Resolved that whoever shall buy or sell silver or Gould, or demand the same in part or in whole for Goods or rents, shall be Deemed Infamus, and held up to view as an Enemy to the freedom and Independance of his country by publishing his name in all the public newspapers Printed in this State. After which Publication it shall be Disreputable, in any honest citizen to maintain Either Scivell or Commercial Connections with a wretch who for the sake of Acquireing a little Paltry Gain to himself Can wantonly sacrifice the Intrest of his country. Goldsmiths & silversmiths, notwithstanding this resolution, are permitted to purchase so much Gold or Silver as is necessary for the purposes of their manufacture, but if any Goldsmith shall purchase more Gold or Silver than he manufacttures upon Complaint made to the Committe of Correspondance, Inspection & safety, such person shall be ordered to appear before them & clear himself upon Oath from this Imputation, and upon his refusall to do so, shall be Delt with as is Directed by this Resolve.

Secondly—As the Laws Enacted by our Provident Ancestors, with wonderfull wisdom & sagacity for the Establishment & regulation of schools have Diffused an universall spirit of knowledge & Enquirey not to be met with in other states or Kingdoms, and have been a Great means, under Providence of Preserving this people from the shackells, fabricated for them by a Foreign power, and as the Preservation of the freedom, health and vigor of the state Depends in a Great measure upon the strictest attention being paid to this Institution.

[**414.**] *Resolved* that the school Committe be ordered to provide (if such an one be not already provided) an able & faithful master, to keep the Grammer school in this town, possest of such Quallifications as are required by law.

Thirdly—That in order to Give force to & Carry into effect the Resolves & Regulations of the Convention met at Concord the 14th day of July Ultimo—

Resolved—That a committe consisting of Five or seven be chosen whose Particular Province it shall be critically to Inspect the conduct of Persons in trade and others & to Give Information to the Committe of Correspondance Inspection & safety of any breaches of said Resolves & Regulations & the Committe of Correspondance &c are hereby Directed to take recognition of such information, and Immediately to Enquire into the facts, and If upon Impartial Enquirey any person or persons shall be found to have violated either of the Resolves or Regulations made by sd Convention for Giveing Creadit & stabelity to the Continental Currancy the committe of Correspondance &c are ordered to punish such person or persons in the manner pointed out by the Resolves of said Convention and the Additional Resolves of this town.

Then voted to accept sd Report & accordingly made choice of Majr Nathaniel Goodwin, Mr. Nathaniel Morton Junr, Capt Nathaniel Torrey Mr Stephen Samson Mr Samuel Bartlett Junr Capt Zacheus Bartlett & Mr Phillip Leonard a committe for the purposes mentioned in the above Report.

Then the Report of the Committe chosen ye 4th Instant to Divise what ways & means would be best for the Town to pursue for supplyg the soldiers familys in this town was read & is as follows viz:

The committe chosen by the town of Plimouth at their Town meeting the 4th of Augst Instant to take into Consideration and Devise ways & means for supplying the Soldier's familys in this Town, agreeable to an ordr of the General Court report as follows viz: they think it is a matter of much importance, & not to be neglected, but with regard to the ways & means, they can think of no way more proper than that a subscription be opened for the purpose of procureing money & Provisions on Loan, and that it be recommended, that every one would according to his ability subscribe on so necessary an occasion.

Nathl Torrey Nathl Goodwin committe.

Voted to accept sd report & then choose Majr Nathl Goodwin, Majr Joshua Thomas & Mr. Joseph Croswell a Committe for sd Purpose.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to ye 31st Instant 2 a Clock p m.

[415.] At a meeting of Plimouth Legally assembled and

held at the Court house in Plimouth August 31st A D 1779.

Messrs Jesse Harlow John Bartlett Junr, Colo Thomas Lothrop Sylvanus Harlow Nathaniel Barnes & Robert Brown were chosen to serve on the Petit Jury, and Messrs James Doten Nathaniel Torrey & Abraham Hammit were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury. All at the next Superiour Court of Judicature &c to be holden at Plimo within & for the county of Plimouth on ye Third Tuesday of Octobr next.

Allso made choice of Messrs Samuel Bartlett & Ebenezr Cobb to serve on the petit Jury at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Plimouth on the first tuesday of Octobr next.

Then made choice of the Honourable James Warren Esqr an agent to Petition the Great & Generall Court of this state for an Abatement of the state & Continental taxes that have been laid on this town for some years past & praying this town may not be Tax't in the like proportion for the Future by reason of the Great losses this town hath met with at sea, & being almost totally Deprived of the fishery since the Presant war which was our principall support. And Praying that a Committe might be appointed from said court at the expense of this town, to repair to this place, view our Scituation and make enquirey into our circumstances, & make report to the Court, what they may think Proper to be done thereon.

Then the Transaction of the late county convention was read—then voted & directed the Committe of Fifteen who were appointed ye 4th instant take sd transactions under their Consideration & report what is proper for the town to do in that affair & Allso to set the price of sundry other articalls not therein enumerated & report at the Adjournment.

Then voted the Town Clerk serve the school committe with a copy of the town vote respecting a schoolmaster as Enterd the 10th Instant.

Then made choice of William Watson Esqr Capt William Weston & Ephraim Spooner a committe to wait on the committe that were appointed for repairing the beach & Desire them to proceed Immediately on the business assignd them.

[**416.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth legally Assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth Sept 3rd 1779 by Adjournmnt from the 31st past viz the meeting for regulating the prices of sundry Articalls, The Committe that

were Directed to report their opinions as to the prices of sundry articalls of merchantdise &c in this town reported as follows:

It is our opinion the prices affixed to the below is the highest price they ought to be sold at in this town viz:

Common Labour	pr Day	3	0	0
Housewrights	pr Day	3	12	0
Shipwrights	pr Day	3	18	0
Brick Layers	pr Day	3	18	0
Mowing & Reaping	pr Day	3	6	0
Tanners Goods Soul Leather pr lb		0	18	0
Green hides pr lb			3	8
Blockmaker's Dues for Blocks 2-6 pr Inch & other labour in proportion.				
A Good Team pr Day		10	0	0
Horse hire Single pr mile		0	4	0
Ditto in a Carriage pr mile		0	6	0
Chair hire pr Do		0	3	0
Chaise Hire pr Do		0	4	0
Good oak Wood pr Cord		10	4	0
Good pine wood pr Cord		8	2	0
Good Cyder in the fall pr bbl		7	10	0
Good Shoes for Men a pr		6	0	0
Ditto for Women a pr		4	10	0
other Shoes in Proportion				
A Yoak of oxen a Day		2	10	0
a Good Wood Axe		6	12	0
Horse Shoeing with 4 new Shoes of Refin'd Iron— two them Steel toes		5	10	0
New Setting the Shoes all round		2	2	0
10d Nails pr m		10	0	0
8d Nails pr m		8	0	0
4d Nails pr m		5	0	0
2d Ditto pr ct		2	10	0
Good Barley pr bushel		4	10	0
Good Sheep Wool pr lb		1	4	0
Good flax pr lb		0	13	6
Good Otes pr bushell		2	0	0
best Yarn Stockings for men a pr		3	0	0
other Stockings in Proportion				
Potatoes pr bush 20 Turnips pr bus 20				
Good Beaver Hatts a ps		35	0	0
Beavesit Ditto		21	0	0
Good felt Ditto		3	18	0
Good Mercht Boards pr m		30	0	0
Good Rails 15-0 pr ct				
60 Posts 60 of them 15-0				
Tavern Keepers Dues viz				
A Mugg Toddey of W I rum		0	16	0
A Do made of N Eng rum		0	12	0
A Jill New Eng rum		0	6	0
A Jill West India rum		0	8	0
A Good Dinner		1	0	0
Supper & Breakfast in that Proportion				
Keeping a Horse a night		0	18	0
A Pottle Otes		0	6	0

a Nights Lodging	0	6	0
Good Eng hay pr Load	36	0	0
Good Salt hay pr Load	26	0	0

fresh fish without Enteralls 1 pr lb
Hucksters Shall not Receive more than 2d upon the Shilling Advance upon what they sell
Cloathyers Dues for fulling Shearg & Pressink a yd Cloath 11

Boarding a man pr week well	9	0	0

feed in the fall viz.

A Yoak of oxen pr week Good feed	2	0	0
A Horse pr week Do	1	10	0
a Cow pr week Do	0	18	0

Carting a ton a mile ten miles & under 20 a mile.
Above ten miles any Distance 24 pr mile
Good Cyder Barrills white oak ones 72 ps
Tryd Tallow pr lb 13
Good fall apples pr bushell 16

All which is submitted by Nathaniel Torrey pr order.

Then voted to accept said report.

[417.] Voted & Choose Messrs John Waterman Deacn William Crombie Nathl Barnes were chosen sealers of cord wood in this Town.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to ye 13th Instant to 2 a Clock P M

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimo Sept 13th 1779 by Adjournment from the 3rd Currant.

John Cotton Esqr was chosen Moderator Pro Tempore.

Colo Theophilus Cotton was chosen a Delegate to Represent this Town at the next state convention to be holden at Concord in Octobr next for the purpose of takeing into Consideration the verry high prices of the necessarys of life & all matters of merchandise &c., and to Devise some ways to appreciate our Currancy and in Generall to do all such matters & things as the said Convention may think Proper.

Then the other Warrent was read For Raiseing money &c.

John Cotton Esqr was chosen Moderator. Then voted to Raise the Sum of Eight Thousand four hundred pounds on accot of Defraying the charges of the Town the Currant year agreeable to the below schedual viz:

The Grammer Schoolmaster one year	£400	0	0
School at Manument ponds	80	0	0
School at Hobshole	52	0	0
Att Eellriver	52	0	0
At the north part ye Town	26	0	0

Att the West pt	13	0	0
Sextons Wages	40	0	0
Supporting Mary Donham	200	0	0
Do Priscil Warren	150	0	0
Ditto Relyance King one year	150	0	0
Provisions & Support for the other Poor	500	0	0
Assessors' Wages	100	0	0
Treasurers Commissions	50	0	0
Constables Commissions on £27000	1350	0	0
2 Constables Further Premium	175	0	0
Deficiency's by reason of Abatements	100	0	0
County Tax for 1779 about	120	0	0
Supplying the Soldiers Families &c	4000	0	0
The Bounty for Continental Soldiers	700	0	0
Further Addition to the Constables Commissions	142	0	0
	£8400	0	0

[418.] Voted And Directed the Assessors to make Town & County Tax together & the County Tax to be paid out of the Town Treasury. Then voted the Assessors shall not exceed the sum of two hundred pounds a surplussage in makeing the next Tax.

Then made Choice of Messrs Thomas Jackson Thomas Davis Samuel Jackson & Nathaniel Goodwin a committee to repair to the Beach And make such repairs thereon as the Town directed ye 11th of January Last.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth Sept 17th 1779. Thomas Mayhew Esqr chosen Moderator. Then made choice of Generall Warren John Cotton Esqr & Majr Joshua Thomas agents in the Town's Behalf to defend this towns claim to those lands Called the Sheep pastures Belonging to this town Part of which is Claimd by the towns of Kingston & Plimton, And to bring such action or actions in the towns behalf as they shall think Proper. And the same to Defend to final judgment & execution & If the said Agents think best Refer the Determination of the Towns Claim to those lands to three or more persons, they are hereby authorized to do it, & in Generall to Transact sd business in such a manner as they may think most for the Intrest of this Town, in as short a time as may be. And the town hereby oblige themselves to abide by such Determination. And the Town Treasurer is hereby Directed to supply sd agents with what money they may need for sd purpose.

Then made choice of the Revd William Shaw to Preach a sermon in this place on the anniversary of the first landg of

our fore Fathers in this Place, the 22nd of Decembr next. And chose Colo Cotton, Thomas Mayhew & Ephraim Spooner a committe to Inform sd Gentleman of sd vote & Desire his Complyance with sd Request.

[419.] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 18th day of Octobr Anno Domini 1779.

Colo Theophilus Cotton was chosen Moderator. The meeting was Adjournd to Monday next ye 25th Instant to 2 a Clock P M.

At said Meeting Messrs Nathaniel Jackson & Nathaniel Ripley were chosen to serve on the Petit Jury at the next Inferiour Court &c to be holden at Plimouth within & for the County of Plimouth on the second tuesday of Decembr next.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday the 7th day of February A D 1780, John Cotton Esqr was chosen Moderator.

Then voted to raise the sum of three thousand pounds towards Defreying the charges of the Town the Currant year, Especially the purchaseing Provisions for the Soldiers Familys.

Then voted & made choice of

William Watson Esqr
Mr Andrew Croswell &
Ephraim Spooner

a committe to present the thanks of this Town to the Revd William Shaw for his verry sensible & serious sermon Deliverd in this Place the last anniversary. The Town hereby assure him they entertain the highest sentiments of his conduct on that occasion & wish the circumstances of this Town would admit them to ask a copy of the same to be printed for the benefit of the Publick.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 6th day of March Anno Domini 1780.

John Cotton Esqr chosen Moderator.

Ephraim Spooner chosen town clerk & sworn pr Jno Cotton Esqr.

Deacn William Crombie Mr. Sylvanus Bartlett Mr. Jo-

siah Clark Majr Nathaniel Goodwin & Ephm Spooner were chosen selectmen.

For Reason that sd Spooner offerd in meeting the town voted to excuse him from serveing as Selectman the Presant year.

Then Majr Joshua Thomas was chosen Selectman.

[420.] John Cotton Esqr Mr Eleazr Stephens & Mr Seth Holmes were chosen Assessors.

John Cotton Esqr was chosen Town Treaurer. Then the votes for a County Treasurer were brott in & seald up in open town meeting pr William Ryder Constable, he Deliverd them in town meeting to William Watson Esqr to be by him Deliverd to the Court.

Deacn Jonathan Diman & Mr. John Waterman were chosen Grand Jurors for the year.

Messrs Ichabod Morton William Morton Ezra Harlow Ben Bartlett & Barnabas Ellis were appointed to serve on the Petit Jury at the Inferiour Cot ye 2d tuesday of Ap next.

Then voted to keep the same numbr of schools & under the same regulation as the last year.

Then made choice of Capt Thomas Davis, Mr John Watson & Deacn William Crombie a committe to supply the Grammer school with a suteable schoolmaster.

& Messrs Andrew Bartlett Branch Blackmer & John Bartlett a committe for supplyg the school at Manument Ponds with a suteable schoolmaster.

& Messrs Thomas Ellis & Seth Mendall a committe for Procureg a suteable schoolmaster for ye school in their neighborhood.

& Messrs Phillip Leonard Stephen Doten & Thomas Morton Junr a committe for supplyg the school at Eellriver with a suteable schoolmaster.

& Messrs Ichabod Holmes, Nathaniel Morton Junr & Samuel Bartlett a committe for supplyg the school at Wellingsle with a suteable schoolmaster.

& Messrs Colo Theo Cotton & Ebenezr Nellson a committe to supply the school at the No End of the Town with a suteable schoolmaster.

& Messrs Benjamin Lucas & Isaac Jackson a committe to supply the school in their neighbourhood with a master.

Then made choice of Messrs Nathaniel Goodwin Stephen Doten & James Doten a committe to make an Estemate what

Proportion the Ends of the Town pay Towards Supporting the Grammer school, & Report at the Adjournment.

[**421.**] The Act respecting the observation of the Sabath & the choice & Duty of Wardens was read after which

Messrs James Drew James Doten Nathaniel Carver Seth Holmes Colo Thomas Lothrop & George Donham were chosen Wardens.

Messrs Cornelius Cobb Joseph Ryder Isaac Symms Excused Isaac Jackson Samuel Battles John Swift Abner Bartlett & Seth Mendall were chosen surveyors of the Highways.

Messrs Thomas Nicolson Timothy Goodwin Joseph Howland John Cotton ye 3d Jonathan Tuffts Isaac Barnes John Goddard Caleb Howland Amaziah Harlow George Ellis & Capt John Bartlett were chosen Hogreeves.

Then made choice of Mr. Isaac Symms Majr Nathaniel Goodwin Capt Zacheus Bartlett Deacn John Blackmer & Ephraim Spooner a committe to hire a Collector or Collectors for the whole Town the Insueing year.

Then voted to allow the Collectors the premium of 12d on the pound for Collecting & paying in the Towns money the present year on the same conditions as the last year.

Then made choice of Messrs Sylvanus Bartlett Thomas Nicolson Caleb Howland Branch Blackmer & Thomas Jackson Fence Viewers & Field Drivers.

Then made choice of Messrs General Warren John Swift Ichabod Holmes Colo Cotton Benja Lucas Thomas Davis Benja Cornish Israel Clark & Eleazr Ellis a Committe to fire the woods at the proper time this Spring, when it will do the least damage & best Secure the wood lots from Damage by fire.

[**422.**] Voted to take a Quantity of Alewives for Sail not Exceeding Two hundred barrells out of Halfway Pond River The Presant year.

Then made Choice of

Colo Cotton	Colo Lothrop
Deacn John Blackmer	Majr Nathaniel Goodwin
Capt Thomas Davis	Mr Thomas Jackson &

Ephraim Spooner

a Committe to take into Consideration the Parrigraff of the Warant respecting the towns buildg a work house & report their opinion at the Adjournment.

Then this Meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 20th day of March Instant to 2 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 20th day of March 1780 by Adjournment from ye 16th Instant.

The Committe appointed to take into Consideration the matter of building a work house are Desired to Consider of the matter of a work house in town, are Desired to Consider further of that matter & Report at the Adjournment.

Then the Report of the Committe Respecting the Schools was read and is as follows viz—

The Committe appointed to proportion the Expence of the Publick School in this Town for the year past to the Several Districts therein beg leave to report as follows.

If the whole school viz the Grammer School is				360	0	0d
The Middle or main body of the Town pays	218	0	0			
The North part of ye Town from Colo Cotton to Mr Jno Nellsons	16	5	0			
The West part ye Town in the Neighbourhood of Isaac Jackson	5	10	0			
Wellingsley from Peter Shurtleffs house to Mr Stephens's	29	5	0			
Eellriver from Ponds line to Mr Thomas Sears's	31	10	0			
Manument Ponds the whole thereof	50	10	0	360	0	0

Nathaniel Goodwin James Doten

Plimouth March 18th 1780

Voted to Accept Sd Report

Then the Report of the Committe Respecting hireing a Collector was read & is as follows.

The Committee who were appointed by the Town to hire a Collector or Collectors therein The Presant year, beg leave to report that they have made Enquirey for Some Suteable person to do the business. They allso Notifyd a Vendue for said purpose, all without any Good Effect. They Therefore Give it as their opinion, it might verry likely be the Quickest way to procure Such a person For the Town to Choose a Respectable Committee of such men as are liable to be Chose into Sd office to do Sd business which is submitted by

Ephraim Spooner
Nathaniel Goodwin
Isaac Symms

Plimouth March 18th 1780

Voted to accept said Report.

[**423.**] The Town made Choice of

Messrs Thomas Wethrell	William Morton
John Bartlett	Thomas Jackson Junr &
	John Morton

a Committe to hire Some Suteable person or persons to be Collectors the Ensuing year & to report at the Adjournment.

Then voted to Excuse Majr Nathaniel Goodwin from Servg as a Selectman agreeable to his Request.

Then Majr Joshua Thomas Came into town Meeting & Declaird his refusal to Serve as a Selectman.

Then Chose Messrs Daniel Diman & Samuel Battles Selectman—Mr Battles Excused himself from Serving in Sd office.

Then made Choice of Colo Cotton, William Watson Esqr Majr Thomas Isaac Lothrop Esqr & James Drew a Committe of Correspondence Inspection & Safety.

Then This Meeting was Adjourned to Wednesday ye 29th day of this Instant March to 2 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth March 29th by Adjournment from the 20th Instant voted & Directed the Committe for hireing a Colector that were Chosen the last meeting to Contenue their Endeavors to procure one or more persons to do the business.

Then Voted to Conduct Respecting Alewives as the last year viz those that run up the Town Brook—See Folio 403—Accordingly made Choice of

Messrs Thomas Jackson	Deacn Crombie
Wm Harlow Junr	John Gray
James Doten	Ebenezr Samson
Nathl Carver	Stephen Churchell
Richard Cooper	Ezra Burbank
Samuel Battles	Ichabod Holmes
George Donham	James Drew
Ephm Spooner	Sylvanus Harlow
John Torrey	Saml Bartlett Junr &

Sylvanus Bartlett a Committee for sd Purpose.

Then Made Choice of Mr Nathaniel Morton Junr Mr Samuel Bartlett Junr William Watson Esqr Mr Isaac Symms Majr Joshua Thomas & Ephraim Spooner Select-

men In Addition To Mr Daniel Diman Josiah Clark & Mr Sylvanus Bartlett who were formerly Chose into Said office. Then Voted Three of Said number Shall be a Quorum for Signing orders.

Then This meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 10th of April next to 2 a Clock P M.

[**424.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth at the Court house in Plimouth April 3rd A D 1780.

Messrs Nathaniel Morton Junr Stphen Doten Deacn William Crombie Isaac Symms Lemuel Drew & Eprhaim Spooner were Chosen to Serve on the Jury at The Maritim Court to be held at Plimo ye 11th of April Instant viz 1780

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 17th day of April A D 1780 by Adjournment from the 10th Instant John Cotton Esqr The Moderator being Absent Mr Sylvanus Bartlett was Chosen Moderator Pro Tempora.

Then The meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 24th Instant 2 a Clock P M.

Then the Meeting was opend for Choice of one or more persons to Demand This towns Dues for what they have Disbursted for the family of William Thorn Deceased.

Mr Sylvanus Bartlett was Chosen Moderator.

Then made Choice Mr. Sylvanus Bartlett & Majr Joshua Thomas agents in the Town's behalf to make Demand of the Town of Sherburn on the Island of Nantucket, for our Dues in Supporting the family of William Thorn Either by Comminceing an action, or otherways.

Messrs John Waterman Eleazr Stephens & James Drew were Chosen to Serve on the Grand Jury & Messrs

Deacn Jonathan Diman	John Thomas Junr
John Bartlett	Capt Elkanah Watson &
Samuel Battles	Nathl Carver

were Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury, All at the Next Superiour Court to be holden at Plimouth on the last Tuesday of May next.

On the 24th day of April A D 1780, The time the March meeting was adjournd to the Town met & Adjournd to ye 1st day of May next to 3 a Clock P M.

[**425.**] At a Meeting of The Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday the 1st day of May Anno Domini 1780.

Thomas Mayhew Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Then the Constitution or form of Government lately Drawn up by the Convention of this State was Read. After which the Town voted & Chose

Mr Sylavnus Bartlett	Colo Theophilus Cotton
Majr Joshua Thomas	Mr Nathaniel Morton Junr
William Watson Esqr	Deacn Jonathan Diman
Colo Thomas Lothrop	Mr Samuel Bartlett
Mr Andrew Croswell	Capt Thomas Davis &

Ephm Spooner

a Committe to take Sd Constitution into Consideration & make Enquirey of the Inhabitants what objections they may have thereto & their reasons for the Same & make report at the Adjournment.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to the time the Meeting for the Choice of a Representative Shall be held the Presant month.

Then the March meeting that Stood Adjournd to this day was opend. John Cotton Esqr the Moderator being absent Thomas Mayhew Esqr was Chosen Moderator for the day.

Then voted to allow pay to Mr Eleazr Stephens the Schoolmaster for Wellingsley one hundred & sixty pounds for keeping said School two months the last year, which is one hundred & thirty five pounds more than the part that Neighbourhood pays towards the Support of the Grammer School (See the Proportion Entd Folio 122nd) for this Express reason that they han't had any School for more than four years' last past Exceptg ye above. Then This meeting was Adjournd to the Meeting for Choice of a Representative.

[**426.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth May 22nd A D 1780.

The Honourable James Warren Esqr was Chosen Representative for the Ensuing year,

*Then the Meeting was opened for the Consideration of

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* A form of constitution "for the state of Massachusetts Bay" was adopted by the General Court of 1777-1778, met in Convention, and was rejected by the people. In 1779 the General Court passed a Resolve to submit to the people two questions, first whether they were in favor of a new constitution, and second, whether they would instruct their Representative to vote for a State Convention for that purpose. The people having by a large majority answered both questions in the affimative the General Court passed a Resolve on the 17th of June, 1779, call-

Constitution or form of Government lately Drawn up by the Convention of this State, which stood Adjournd to this Day,

After which the Report of the Committe for Considering Said form of Government was Read & is as follows viz—

The Committe to whom was Referred the Consideration of the Constitution or form of Government Drawn up by the Convention of this State have attended that business with Care & Caution and beg leave to report as follows viz—It is our opinion said Draft is well made & calculated for the Good Government & Peace of the Community both for the Presant & Future Generations. Therefore we think it best This Town should Receive The Same as it now Stands without any Exception or alteration whatsoever, which is Submitted by

Sylvanus Bartlett
Willm Watson
Theophilus Cotton
Joshua Thomas
Samuel Bartlett
Nathl Morton Junr
Ephm Spooner

Plymouth May 22nd 1780.

Then a vote was Calld to Know if this Town would make any Exception to Sd form of Government. It Passed in the Negative.

Then voted to accept Sd Constitution as it now Stands by a unanimous Vote their being Thirty Seven voters Presant.

Then voted & Impowered our Delegate in Sd Convention to agree upon a time when said form of Government Shall take Place

Then voted & Choose Majr Joshua Thomas & Mr Sylvanus Bartlett to bring in a Town Act or by Law for Regulateing the Rams Going at Large in This Town for the future.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 5th June next to 3 a Clock in the afternoon.

Then the March Meeting was opend that Stood Adjournd

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ing on the inhabitants of the state to choose delegates to a Convention in Cambridge on the 1st of September, 1779. The Convention met with James Bowdoin, President, and Samuel Barrett, Secretary. A constitution was agreed on on the 2nd of March, 1780, and submitted to the people. On the 14th of June the Committee appointed to examine the returns of votes reported, and on the 15th of June, 1780, the Convention resolved "That the people of the state of Massachusetts Bay have accepted the constitution as it stands, in the printed form submitted for their revision."

to this day after which voted to Excuse John Cotton Esqr from Servg as an Assessor the Presant year by his Desire. And Chose Mr Sylvanus Bartlett an Assessor in his Room.

[**427.**] Then voted That the Committe for hireing a Collector or Collectors the Ensuing year (If they think Proper) hire five persons for That Purpose. In that Case the Town to be Divided into five Districts viz—one for Each of the Millitary Companys therein.

Then made Choice of Mr. Thomas Wethrell Majr Joshua Thomas Majr Nathaniel Goodwin Deacn William Crombie & Colo Thomas Lothrop a committe for that Purpose they to Report to the Town as soon as may be.

Then made choice Colo Theophilus Cotton* one of the Selectmen in Addition to the Eight allready chosen.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to June 5th 3 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth June 5th 1780.

John Cotton Esqr the Moderator viz of the March meeting being absent Colo Theophilus Cotton was chosen Moderator for the day. Then voted & chose Mr. James Doten & Mr. Samuel Bartlett assessors to be added to the three Assessors allready chosen.

Then made choice of the Revd Jonathan Moor to Preach a sermon in this Place on the 22d of Decembr next being the anniversary of the first landing of our fore fathers in this Place. And choose

William Watson Esqr,
Majr Joshua Thomas &
Ephraim Spooner

a committe to Present sd vote to said Gentleman & Desire him to comply therewith.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 12th of June Instant at 2 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth June 12th A. D. 1780 by Adjournment from ye 5th Instant—viz the March meeteing John Cotton Esqr the Moderator being out of Town Mr. Sylvanus Bartlett was chosen Moderator for the day.

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* Col. Theophilus Cotton was the son of Josiah Cotton, and was born in Plymouth in 1716. He married in 1742, Martha Sanders, and died in February, 1782.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Monday ye 19th Instant to 3 a Clock in the afternoon.

[428.] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 19th of June A D 1780, Colo Theophilus Cotton was chosen Moderator. Then voted to add to the pay of each of ye 23 men that shall be Raised by this Town to reinforce the Continental Army forty shillings per month to be paid in Gold or Silver or paper equivelant, agreeable to a Resolve of the Generall Court of ye 5th of June Instant.

Then voted to pay to each of these men a month's pay (so farr as the Town pays them) before they March. Then voted & choose Majr Nathaniel Goodwin Isaac Lothrop Esqr Capt Abm Hammit Majr Joshua Thomas Mr. Isaac Symms Mr Andrew Croswell & Lemuel Morton a committe to hire said money in the Town's Behalf and allso the Travilling fees allowd the Soldiers for sd campaign.

Then voted to Raise the sum of Four Thousand five hundred pounds towards Defreyg the charges of supporting the soldiers familys in this Town the Presant year. Then made choice of Mr Thomas Wetherell & Silas Morton Petit Jurors at the next Inferiour Court &c to be holden at Plimouth ye 1st Tuesday of July next.

Then this meeting And the March meeting were both Adjournd to ye 26th of June Instant to 3 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth June 26th by Adjournment from ye 19th Instant, viz the meeting for Raiseg money.

Voted for Reasons to Reconsider the vote of 40 pr mo Allowd the Soldiers that are to Go to reinforce the Continental army as Entd the 19th Currant.

Then Voted to allow the twenty nine men that are requested of this Town to reinforce the Continental Army the same sum & pay in all Respects that The Town of Plimton Voted to allow their men for the same service, at their meeting the last week, and that the Town Clerk apply to the Clerk of the Town of Plimton for a Copy of said vote.

Plimton June 26th 1780.

Sir. In answer to your letter which I Recd, This Town Voted to hire their Quota of Soldiers with any sort of Land Produce, Accordingly Impowerd a committe to procure the

men, And said committe Agreed with every man for twenty bushells of Corn pr month, or other Land Produce at the rate of Indian Corn at three shillings pr bushell. I am yours &c.

Zeph Perkins

Ephraim Spooner

[429.] Town meeting June 26th 1780 viz the March meeting. Votd to allow the person or Persons that shall collect the money for the Taxes for the whole Town the Cur rant year the sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds over & above the Premium of 12d pr pound allready Voted.

Then made choice of Messrs Abraham Hammett Stephen Doten Junr & Bartlett Holmes.

Collectors as below viz:

Captain Hammet for the two Northern Districts that is for the limits of Capt Cottons & Captain Ryders Company.

Stephen Doten Junr for Capt Finneys Company & Bartlett Holmes for Capt Bartletts Company. Then Mr. Thomas Torrey was chosen constable & sworn the same Day pr William Watson Esqr.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to Fryday ye 30th day of June Instant.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth June 30th A D 1780 by Adjournment from the 26th Instant—viz the March meeting.

Mr Daniel Diman was chosen Moderator P T

Messrs Bartlett Holmes & Stephen Doten Junr were chosen Constables.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to Monday July 3rd A D 1780 by Adjournment from the 30th June last.

Capt Elkanah Watson chosen Moderator P T.

Majr Joshua Thomas chosen Town Clerk P T.

E Spooner out of Town.

The meeting was Adjournd to ye 7th Instant 3 a Clock P M, allso the March meeting to sd day.

The Town mett accordingly ye 7th of July Instant. Voted to allow Each of the twenty eight Melittia men that shall Go into the service of the United States for the term of three months, Agreeable to a resolve of the Generall Court of June 22nd, twenty bushell corn pr month or the Value Thereof in money over & above the wages of the state.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to the 11th Instant 3 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth July 11th A D 1780 by Adjournment from the 7th Instant.

Voted to Raise four Thousand Five hundred Pounds for Procureing Cloathing for the Armv agreeable to an order of the Generall Court.

[**430.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth July 7th 1780 by Adjournment from July 3rd Instant viz the March meeting.

Voted that the Collectors for the Presant year shall Give bonds with sufficiant suretys to save the Town harmless on their account. Then voted The Assessors be & hereby are Directed to Inform the Collectors of this vote. Then Mr. Isaac Barnes was Chosen Collector for the District of Wellingslee viz the bounds of Capt Stephen Churchills company, who was sworn to the Faithfull Discharge of his office pr John Cotton Esqr. Capt Zacheus Bartlett & Mr. Stephen Doten Junr were chosen Assessors in adition to those allready chosen.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to ye 11th Instant 3 a Clock P M.

The Town met accordingly & Adjournd to ye 14th Instant to Three a Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth July 14th A D 1780 by Adjournment from ye 11th Instant.

Voted that all those offices in Town that have not been filld by a new Choice at This March Meeting, shall be filld by the Persons Chose into Said offices the last year, And said Persons were accordingly again chosen into Said offices Respectively.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth July 31st A D 1780.

Mr Sylvanus Bartlett was Chosen Moderator*

Voted to Raise the Sum of One hundred Thousand & one Thousand & Two hundred pounds to be Immediately assessd on the Poles & Estates in this Town in a tax by itself to pay those men this Town was orderd to Raise by the Generall

* Sylvanus Bartlett was a great-great-grandson of Robert Bartlett, who came to Plymouth in the Ann in 1623. He was born in 1719 and married in 1743 Martha Wait. He was a merchant, and at one time in partnership with Thomas Davis.

Court of this State, agreeable to their Resolves of the 5th, 22nd & 23rd of June last, was 29 men for the Term of Six months & 28 men for the term of three months And For three Horses this Town was orderd to Procure for the State.

Then voted the Assessors be & hereby are Directed to make Such a Surplusage in makeing the Sd taxes as they think Proper.

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[432.] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth on the first Monday of Septembr Anno Domini 1780 being the 4th day of said month. For the Purpose of Chooseing a Governor, Lieut Governor & Senators agreeable to the Direction of the late Convention of this State.

The Revd Chandler Robbins by Desire of the Town attend'd & opend the Meeting with Prayer, after which the Town Proceeded on the business of the Day.

1 The Votes Were Calld for a Governor.

After Counting & Sorting the Same it Appeard They were viz

For The Honourable James Bowdoin Esqr	17 votes
For The Honourble John Hancock Esqr	42 votes

2nd The votes for a Lieut Governor were Calld for. After Counting & Sorting the Same their Appeard to be viz.

For The Honourable James Warren Esqr	18 votes
For the Honourable Azar Orn Esqr	9 votes
For The Honourable James Bowdoin Esqr	7
For Capt Solomon Davis	1 vote
For the Honourble Samuel Addams Esqr	8 votes
For The Honourble John Hancock Esqr	1 vote
For The Honourable Ellbridge Gerry Esqr	1 vote

3rd The Votes for Three Senators within the County of Plimouth were Calld for. After Counting & Sorting the Same it appeard their were viz—

For The Honourabl James Warren Esqr	28 votes
For The Honourabl Nathan Cushing Esqr	19 votes
For The Honourabl William Sever Esqr	24 votes
For Majr Nathaniel Goodwin	5 votes
For The Revd Charles Turner	13 votes
For Hugh Orr Esqr	7 votes
For Ephraim Spooner	3 votes

For William Watson Esqr	4 votes
For Benjamin Thomas Esqr	1 vote
For Joshua Thomas Esqr	1 vote
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[**433.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Monday Septembr 4th A D 1780.

Colo Theophilus Cotton was Chosen Moderator.

Then made Choice of Mr Sylvanus Bartlett William Watson Esqr & Mr Ichabod Holmes a Committe to Consider of the affair of a Collector that is wanted for the two Northern Districts in this Town, to Discorse with the Collector already Chosen & report what they think is proper for the Town to do at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

Then the Meeting was Adjournd ye 11th Instant to 3 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Sept 4th 1780 For the Choice of Jurors Messrs Benjamin Churchell & Jeremiah Holmes were Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury at the next Court of Generall Sessions of the Peace &c to be holden at Plimouth on the First Tuesday of October next.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 11th of Septembr 1780 by Adjournment from the 4th Instant.

Thomas Mayhew Esqr was Chosen Moderator P T.

Then voted & made Choice of

The Honourable James Warren Esqr &

Majr Joshua Thomas Agents in the Towns Behalf to Petition the Great & Generall Court for Liberty to Choose a Collector or Collectors for the two Northern Districts in this Town the Presant year (The time allowd by Law being past)

Allso voted & Directed Said Agents to Petition the Sd Court Praying that the Execution from the State Treasurer may be Stayd for the reasons abovesd & on account of the Inability of the Inhabitants of this Town Paying their Taxes at this Day.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Octobr 9th 1780—

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Moderator.

Voted & Chose
Mr Sylvanus Bartlett Mr Thomas Jackson
Deacn Jonathan Diman William Watson Esqr
& Majr Nathaniel Goodwin
a Committe to procure a Collector or Collectors for the Two Northern Districts in this Town on the best terms they Can, Agreeable to the order of the Generall Court & make Report at the Adjournment.

[434.] The Honourabl James Warren Esqr was Chosen Representative for the Town at the Great & Generall Court to be Convened held & kept at Boston on the last Wednesday of Octobr Instant Being the First Court under the new Constitution.

Then voted & Chose Isaac Lothrop Esqr
Capt Zacheus Bartlett Majr Joshua Thomas
Mr Stephen Doten
& Mr Samuel Bartlett a Committe to Consider of the matter of Procureing the Beefe which the State Requests of this Town about 13000 lbs to make Enquirey where it Can be had & Report what method the town had best take to do the business, at the Adjournment.

Then voted & Chose Colo Thomas Lothrop Majr Nathaniel Goodwin & Capt Abraham Hammet a Committe to take Into Consideration the matter of The Towns Supplyg the Soldiers Famelys agreeable to the order of the Generall Court and to Endeavour to Procure Some persons to do sd business, Allso to Consider how the Poor of the Town may best be provided for the Ensuing Winter & to report at the Adjournment.

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to ye 13th Instant 2 a Clock P M.

The Town met at time Abovesd & Adjournd the meeting to Monday the 16th of Octobr Instant to 2 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 16th day of Octobr 1780 by Adjournment from ye 13th Instant.

Voted that the Committe Respecting beefe be & hereby are Desired to Procure the Beefe Requested by the State of this Town (being 13,050 lb) or money to Procure the Same by Subscription and that Those persons that Supply the Same

Shall have Interest for the value of Said Beefe till it is paid or Discounted out of their Taxes.

Mr James Doten appeard in Town Meeting & offerd to Serve as Collector in the Two Northern Districts in This Town the Currant year for the Premium & bounty allready, voted on Condition The Town would Indemnify & Save him harmless on account of any Execution or Executions that may be Issued against him For taxes he may be ordered to Collect.

Then the Town Voted & Chose Sd Doten Collector for sd limits on sd Conditions.

Then the Town made Choice of Deacn William Crombie Mr Richard Cooper & Mr John Torrey a Committe to Advise & assist the Surveyor Mr Joseph Ryder in Repairing the breach in the Road neere Thomas Sylvesters.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd Monday ye 30th Instant 2 a Clock P M.

[**435.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth Octobr 30th A D 1780 by Adjournment from ye 16th Instant.

Voted that those Persons who Supply this Town with Beefe to answer the request of the State as by the Resolve of the Generall Court of the 26th of Septembr last, Shall not Suffer by the Depreciation of money till they are paid.

Then this meeting was Adjourned to ye 6th day of Novr next to 2 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth Novr 6th by Adjournment from ye 30th Octobr Last. The meeting was Adjournd to ye 20th Instant 3 a Clock in the afternoon.

The Town met ye 20th Novr 1780 & made choice of Messrs Ebenezr Samson & Amaziah Harlow to Serve on the Petit Jury at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Plimouth on ye 2nd tuesday of Decembr Next.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Decembr 25th A D 1780.

Colo Theophilus Cotton was Chosen Moderator.

Then voted and made Choice of Majr Joshua Thomas Capt Thomas Davis Mr Joseph Croswell & Ephraim Spooner a Committe to Consider of the Recquisition of the Generall Court for a Quantity of Beefe of this Town about 25050 lb

and report what they think Proper for the Town to do on the Premises & in particular to make Enquiry whether the money to answer the Purpose Can be hired in this Town or Elesewhere and Report at the Adjournment.

Then voted to Raise the men required by the Generall Court of this town to Reinforce the Continentall army being about Twenty Seven in number by Classing the Inhabitants agreeable to the Resolve of the Generall Court.

And then made Choice of

Isaac Lothrop Esqr	Mr Stephen Doten
John Cotton Esqr	Mr Israel Clark
Capt Sylvs Harlow	Mr Jonathan Tuffts

To be Joyned by the Assessrs. Each Class to Furnish a man. Said Committe are Directed to make out a list of Each Class to the Town Clerk as soon as Possible, To be Recorded.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to Monday 1st day of Janry next 2 a Clock P M.

[**436.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Janry 1st A D 1781 by Adjournment from ye 25th Decr last.

The Report of the Committe Respecting the Beefe Requested pr the Generall Court of this Town was read & is as as Follows.

The Committe appointed by the Town of Plimouth at their meeting the 25th Day of Decembr Instant to take into Consideration the late Requisition of the Generall Court For Beefe from this Town, Beg leave to Report as their opinion that it would be best for the Town at this time to raise the money wanted to furnish their Proportion of Beefe for the Army agreeable to the Requisition made by two Resolutions of the Generall Court by the Sale of the Ship Yard by the Lands of David Turner Deceasd, of the Sheep Pasture lands within the Limits this Town, and of the Southerly part of the Traneing Field, Bounded as follows, Beginning Twelve feet from the South Easterly Corner of The House belonging to the Heirs of the Estate of Mr Lemuel Barnes Deceasd, Thence Runing by the Fence now Standing South forty Eight Degrees East 1 Chain & fifty Links, Then South Thirty Nine Degrees East Three Chains Thirty one Links to a large stone by Samuel Battles Barrs, then North fifty three & a half Degrees East five Chains thirteen links to———

Then North fifty three Degrees West Six Chains by the Country Road to a Stake in the Ground, and then South Seven Degrees West four Chains to the bounds first mentioned, Containing two acres and Sixty three rod. And that a Committe be appointed to make Disposition of the Lands aforesd as soon as Possible, and in Such way & manner as Shall appear most advantageous to the Town, and be Impowerd to Give Good & Sufficient Deeds of the Same, and that the money ariseing from the Sail of them be appropriated to the Purpose of Dischargg the Requisition aforesd, and the overplus if any their be be Detaind in the Treasury for the Further order of the Town, And whereas it is Exceeding Important that the said Resolution of the Generall Court be Immediately Complyd with, Sooner than it may be Possible or Convenient to Raise a Sufficient Sum in the manner before Provided, Therefore that a Committe be appointed to hire a Sum of money for the Town not Exceeding the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds hard money & to be repaid by the Sail of the Sheep Pasture Lands.

All which is Submitted pr James Warren Ephm Spooner Joseph Croswell Joshua Thomas.

Then voted to accept Said Report Except in the articall of hireg money which the Town voted not to do.

[**437.**] Voted & Chose Capt Thomas Davis Deacn Jonathan Diman Colo Theophilus Cotton Mr Sylvanus Bartlett & Ephraim Spooner a Committe for the purpose of Disposeing of the lands mentioned in the aforesd report, any three of them to Give Conveyances in the Towns Behalf in Case they Can Dispose of them for what they Said Committee may Judge a valuable Consideration.

Then voted and Directed Said Committe to view a peace of Land requested by Mr Nathaniel Morton Junr and Give him a Quit Claim in the Towns Behalf to Said Land he paying the value thereof For the use of the Town.

Then the report of the Committee for Classing the Inhabitants of this Town as voted in the former meeting was read and accepted, which is as follows viz—

Pursuant to a Resolve of the Generall Court & the order & Direction of the Town we have Classd the Inhabitants Into 27 Classes in manner Following. Each Class to procure a

Good, Sufficient able bodyed Soldier for the Continental Army.

Test John Cotton pr ordr

1st Class Colo Theo Cotton	6	1	3
Capt Willm Crow Cotton	1	6	10½
Josiah Cotton	0	9	8¼
William Morton	0	14	4½
Rufus Robbins	0	10	0
Caleb Howland	1	11	7
John Cobb	0	17	6
Job Cobb	0	13	1½
Cornelius Cobb	0	18	5¼
Silas Morton	0	14	5¾
Caleb Doten	0	18	1½
John Nellson	1	4	8
	£16	0	1¼
2nd Class Elnathan Holmes	0	7	6
Ebenezr Nellson	2	19	¾
Job Ryder	1	6	6¾
Eben: Nellson Junr	0	6	0
Sam: Nic: Nellson	1	9	8¼
Lemuel Cobb	0	6	6¾
Ebenezr Holmes	0	6	10½
Benjamin Bartlett	0	7	6
Ebenezr Holmes Junr	0	5	0
Thaddeus Faunce	0	6	10
Ichabod Shaw	1	16	3
Lemuel Robbins	0	9	8¼
Thomas Goodwin	0	9	1
Zacheus Harlow	0	7	9¾
Barnabas Holmes Junr	0	5	11¼
George Holmes	0	7	6
Richard Holmes Junr	0	14	8¼
James Collings	0	9	¾
Samuel Landman Junr.	0	5	0
Samuel Doten	0	5	0
Isaac Symms	2	8	9
	£16	0	4¾
3d Class Samuel Lanman	0	11	10½
William Drew	0	5	0
William Coye	0	8	5¼
William Wood	0	5	0
Daniel Diman	2	8	9
Joseph Croswell	1	3	9
William Keen	0	5	11¼
Lemuel Drew	1	5	7¾
Capt Thomas Mathews	0	16	3
Jeremiah Holmes Junr	0	8	1½
Capt Thomas Nicolson	1	14	7¼
John Morton	0	10	7½
Capt Charles Dyre	1	2	2¼
Doctr Willm Thomas	1	17	9¾
Joshua Thomas	0	14	4¾
Nathl Thomas	0	15	11¼

Deacn Jonathan Diman	0	19	4½
Joseph Howland	0	5	11¼
	£15	19	7½
[438] 4th Class William Watson Esqr	9	4	4½
George Donham	0	5	7½
Isaac Lothrop Esqr	3	5	5½
Doctr Nathl Lothrop	2	9	8
Capt Abrm Hammet	0	12	6
Thomas Sylvester	0	5	0
	£16	2	5½
5th Class John Goddard	0	9	¾
General Warren	11	0	11¼
Benja Churchill	0	11	3
Capt Wm Weston	2	5	7½
Thomas Finney	0	5	0
William Weston Junr	0	11	3
Josiah Drew	0	8	1½
Capt Willm Weston for ½ his farm	0	9	4½
	£16	0	7½
6th Class Lewis Weston	2	4	4½
George Watson Esqr	11	6	4½
Thomas Cummingtn	0	9	¾
Ben Drew	0	19	¾
John Russell	0	5	11¾
James Russell	0	7	6
Eleazr Morton	0	8	1½
	£16	0	5¾
7th Class Thomas Jackson	7	1	3
Thomas Jackson 3d	0	12	9¼
William Hall Jackson	3	0	0
James Carver	0	8	1¼
Willm Bartlett Jr	0	9	4½
John Goodwin	2	17	6
Samuel Cole	1	5	3¾
James Savery	0	6	3
	£16	0	7½
8th Class Samuel Jackson	6	8	1½
Nathl Jackson	1	17	9¾
Thomas Jackson Junr	1	2	2½
Samuel Jackson Junr	0	11	3
Zacheus Curtis	0	7	9¾
	2	0	7½
Seth Ryder	0	9	¾
William Cuffs	0	11	6¾
Thomas Burges Junr	0	5	0
David Drew	0	9	4½
John Kempton Junr	0	17	6
Joseph Treeble	0	10	3¾
Stephen Pain	0	7	9¾
	£15	18	5½

9th Class Ephraim Spooner	6	1	11
Richard Holmes	1	4	¾
Edward Winslow Esqr	1	7	6
Nathaniel Lewis	0	9	8¼
Zepheniah Harlow	0	7	2½
John Watson	3	0	11¼
John Washburn	0	10	5¼
John Bartlett	1	9	¾
Thomas Wethrell	1	5	3¾
Thomas Spooner	0	6	6¾
	£16	2	8¼
ye 10th Class Barnabas Hedge	5	17	6½
Andrew Campbell	0	8	9
Isaac LeBaron	1	16	10½
William LeBaron	2	8	9
Jabez Doten	0	6	3
Isaac Doten	0	5	7½
Thomas Mayhew Esqr	1	19	8¼
Willm Mayhew	0	6	0
Benja Ryder Sen	2	10	3¾
	£15	19	9½
11th Class Majr Goodwin	4	1	6¾
Mrs. Lydia Goodwin	1	8	9
William Goodwin	0	9	4½
Colo Lothrop	1	8	5¾
Samuel Bartlett	2	4	¾
Robert Brown	1	3	9
Ezra Burbank	0	9	1
Osbourn Morton	0	5	0
Samuel Harlow	1	1	6¾
Stephen Samson	0	15	3¾
Elkanah Watson	2	12	9¾
	£15	19	9
12th Class Capt Thomas Davis	9	4	8¼
Thomas Davis Junr	1	.0	0
Mrs. Mercy Hedge	0	10	0
William Davis	1	6	10
James Eaton	0	5	7½
Joseph Trask	0	8	9
John Thomas Junr	0	9	8¼
Jonathan Tuffts	0	8	9
Nicholas Smith	0	7	6
Nathl Carver	0	14	8¼
Benja Pearce	0	5	7¼
John Bacon	0	5	0
David Bacon	0	11	10½
	£15	19	0½
13th Class Ebenezr Robbins	0	12	6
Richard Cooper	1	17	9¾
Lemuel Bradford	0	17	6¾
Nathaniel Bradford	0	7	6
Joseph Bramhall	0	12	9¾

Estate Sylvanus Bramhall	3	2	6
Peter Kimball	0	9	¾
Thomas Torrey	0	12	6
Charles Mortons Sons Poll	0	5	0
James Churchell	0	6	6¾
Samuel Sherman	1	0	7½
Samuel Sherman Junr	0	6	3
Elijah Sherman	0	6	3
Sylvs Bartlett	3	3	5¼
Nehemiah Ripley	0	14	5¼
Nathaniel Ripley	0	14	5¼
Samuel Robbins	0	7	6
Edward Morton	0	8	9
	£15	19	6
[439] ye 14th Class Benja Ryder	1	19	4¼
Joseph Ryder	1	9	4½
John Kempton	1	11	10
John Cotton ye 3d	2	8	5½
Joseph Jennings	1	10	3¾
John Bishop	0	9	8¾
John Torrey	3	0	0
David Lothrop	1	3	9
John May	0	11	3
William Harlow	1	3	1½
Josiah Cushman	0	14	4½
Israel Donham	0	5	0
	£16	6	6¾
ye 15th Class Jacob Albertson	0	7	6
Deacn William Crombie	8	7	6
Joseph Lucas	1	11	10½
Benjamin Lucas	1	16	6¾
Bela Lucas	0	5	0
Isaac Tinkcom	1	11	10½
Eben Cobb	0	8	5½
Zephaniah Doten	0	5	0
Benjamin Shaw	0	8	1½
Zacheus Kempton	0	81	¼
	£15	17	9¾
ye 16th Class Capt Sylvanus Harlow	1	2	6
Isaac Harlow	0	14	8¼
George Bartlett	0	6	10½
Bartlett Marshall	0	6	3
Amaziah Harlow	0	9	¾
Lazarus Harlow	0	10	7½
Capt James Doten	0	12	6
Joseph Treeble Junr	0	9	4½
Ephraim Holmes	0	5	0
Nathl Washburn	0	5	7½
William Churchell	0	7	6
William Bartlette	0	11	10½
Nathl Barnes	1	1	3
Benja Barnes	0	8	1½
Joseph Barnes	0	14	3
Jesse Harlow	0	17	6

Josiah Finney Junr	0	7	7½
James Thomas	0	10	11¼
William Bradford	0	9	¾
Seth Harlow	0	16	3
James Drew	2	16	6¾
Lemuel Barnes	0	12	0
Stephen Churchell	1	2	2
James Drew Junr	0	6	3
	£16	3	10¼
ye 17th Class Capt Benjamin Barnes Junr	1	11	6¾
Samuel Battles	2	1	6¾
Ebenezr Samson	0	18	1½
John Edwards	0	6	6½
William Ryder Junr	0	5	11½
Eleazr Stephens	1	3	11½
Abner Sylvester	0	10	0
Bartlett Sylvester	0	5	11¼
Barnabs Churchell	0	8	1½
Estate Barnabs Churchell	0	12	6
Nathaniel Doten	0	8	1½
William Doten	0	6	10½
Robert Davie	0	7	2¼
Silas Donham	0	9	4½
Joseph Robbins	0	7	6
Amos Ryder	1	1	10½
Sylvanus Stephens	0	7	2½
Lemuel Holmes	0	15	7½
Lemuel Holmes Junr	0	8	1½
Jesse Churchell	1	1	3
Joshua Holmes	0	5	0
Isaac Barnes	1	9	¾
William Davie	0	7	2
	£15	18	11½
ye 18th Class Eleazer Holmes	1	18	5½
Samuel Donham	0	14	4½
Barnabs Donham	0	12	6
William Donham	0	12	6
Thaddeus Churchill	0	8	1½
Amaziah Churchell Junr	0	7	6
Ansell Faunce	0	7	2½
Peleg Faunce	0	5	7
Ichabod Holmes	2	1	7
Ichabod Holmes Junr	0	6	6¾
Thomas Morton	1	8	1½
Thomas Morton ye 3d	0	5	11¼
Thomas Bartlett	1	13	1½
Deacn Joseph Bartlett	3	7	2¼
Joseph Bartlett Junr	1	10	0
	£15	18	9¼
ye 19th Class Lemuel Bartlett	0	19	8¼
David Holmes	0	10	0
Nathl Morton Junr	1	17	9¾
Amaziah Churchill	0	11	6¾
Sylvanus Howes	0	15	3¼

Jabez Churchell	0	8	9
John Faunce	0	8	1¼
Ephraim Bartlett	0	16	6¾
Sylvanus Holmes Junr	0	7	6
Nathaniel Morton	0	18	1
Lemuel Morton	2	19	4¼
Nathl Morton Junr ½ Farm	0	19	¾
Peter Shurtleff	1	4	¾
Willard Sears	0	10	7½
Thomas Sears	0	10	7½
Capt John Finney	2	1	3
	£15	18	4½
[440] ye 20th Class Capt Robert Finney	0	8	1½
Ezra Finney	0	13	1½
William Finney	0	8	3
John Finney Junr	0	5	0
Jacob Howland	0	6	3
Thos Clark Junr	0	6	10½
Sylvanus Morton	0	7	2¼
Ichabod Morton	0	13	5¼
William Clark	1	5	11½
Nathaniel Clark	0	6	10½
Josiah Clark Junr	0	6	10½
Josiah Morton Junr	2	2	6
Amaziah Morton	0	5	0
George Ellis	0	6	3
Thomas Morton Junr	1	7	6
Ezra Harlow	0	12	6
Jeremiah Holmes	2	9	4½
Nathaniel Holmes	0	18	5¼
Gilbert Holmes	0	9	7¼
George Thrasher	0	10	0
Eliab Richmond	0	8	1½
Jonathan Holmes	0	7	6
Joseph Wright	0	10	3¾
Joshua Wright	0	5	11¼
	£16	1	0
ye 21st Class Ezekiel Morton	3	0	7½
Ezekiel Morton Junr	0	6	10½
Caleb Morton	0	5	11¼
Seth Morton	3	0	11¼
Stephen Doten	1	3	1½
Stephen Doten Junr	1	7	9¾
John Swift	1	19	8¼
Diman Bartlett	0	5	0
Thomas Bartlett Junr	0	5	11¼
William Warren	2	13	5¼
Phillip Leonard	0	19	¾
George Bramhall	0	4	8¼
Ebenezr Bartlett	0	7	0
	£16	0	1½
ye 22d Class Bartlett Holmes	0	18	10
Deacn Ellis Holmes	0	12	10¾
James Harlow	1	3	8¼

Jonathan Harlow	1	5	7½
Jonathan Harlow Junr	0	7	6
Andrew Croswell	3	18	1½
James Clark	4	15	7½
William Ryder	1	2	2¼
Eliphlet Holbrook	0	5	0
Ezekiel Ryder	0	17	6
Ebenezr Holmes	0	2	6
	£15	9	5¾
ye 23d Class Phineas Swift	1	5	0
Phineas Swift Junr	0	5	0
Samuel Norris	0	7	2¼
Seth Mendal	2	16	10½
John Mendal	0	5	7½
William Ellis	1	17	6
Thomas Ellis	0	19	¾
Eleazr Ellis	2	7	11½
Barnabs Ellis	0	7	4
Orion Fuller	0	5	0
Zoar Hammond	0	6	10½
Abraham Turklow	0	6	10½
Prince Wadsworth	0	8	1½
Josiah Swift	0	5	0
Silas Valler	0	17	6
Simeon Valler	0	18	9
Willm Harlow 3rd	0	12	6
William King	0	6	3
John King	0	6	3
Cornelius Morrey	0	9	4½
	£15	14	½
ye 24th Class Josiah Morton ye 3d	0	5	0
Jacob Johnson	0	14	4½
Azariah Thrasher	0	5	0
Isaac Harlow	0	13	1½
Ezekiel Raymond Junr	0	5	0
Barnabs Holmes	1	11	6¾
Sylvestr Holmes	0	5	0
James Holmes	0	18	3¼
Abner Bartlett 4th	4	17	9¾
John Bartlett	1	10	7½
Andrew Bartlett	1	2	6
Estate Jonathn Bartlett	1	1	3
William Bartlett ye 3d	0	5	0
ob x Benjamin Cornish	1	3	8
David Bates	0	9	8¼
Samuel Bates	0	5	0
Joseph Bates Junr	0	5	0
	£15	17	10½
[441] ye 25th Class John Cornish	1	3	8
William Cornish	0	5	0
Estate Thomas Cornish	1	0	3¾
Thomas Cornish	0	5	0
Nathaniel Cornish	0	16	8½
Joshua Battles	0	12	6

Lothrop Clark	1	4	4
Israel Clark	2	0	0
Josiah Clark	0	12	4
Thomas Clark	0	8	9
John Blackmer	1	6	1
Branch Blackmer	2	1	1
Naaman Holbrook	3	1	3
Samuel Hovey	0	5	11¼
Naaman Holbrook Junr	0	5	9
	£15	8	9
ye 26th Class Capt Zachs Bartlett	4	19	4½
Nathl Bartlett	1	13	9
Joseph Sylvester	1	16	10½
John Ryder	0	6	3
Seth Holmes	2	5	2¼
Lothrop Holmes	0	10	0
Do for his Mothers Farm	1	7	8
Elkanah Holmes	1	14	8¼
James Wright	0	5	0
Perez Wright	0	5	0
Ezra Holmes	0	5	11¼
	£15	9	8¾
ye 27th Class Willm Sever Esqr	0	6	3
James Hovey Esqr	3	2	6
Capt Simeo Samson	4	0	0
Capt Corbin Barnes	0	17	2¼
John Kempton Error			
Estate of Capt Gideon White	0	16	10
Capt Consider Howland	0	5	11¼
Estate Eben: Churchell	0	13	1
Estate Thos. So Howland	0	6	3
Estate Samuel Bartlett	1	5	0
Timothy Goodwin	0	9	8
Nathaniel Brown	0	7	2
Peter Holmes	0	9	8
Samuel Hunt	0	7	10
Thomas Mayhew Junr	0	12	9¾
Eben: Luce	0	5	0
Jeremiah Howes	0	9	8
Capt Nathl Torrey	0	5	0
Hezekiah Tinkcom	0	2	6
	£15	2	4

N. B. John Cotton Esqr who was Enterd in the list Class No 14 for £1-6-10½ has by his own offer Promised to do the business of a Treasurer for the Tax of 100,000 made for Payg the Soldiers in the fall of 1780 in Consequence of his being Excused from Disbust any money toward Reinforcing the Continental army agreeabde to the Resolve of the Gennll Court.

[**442.**] Voted & Directed Each of the foregoing Classes

to Choose a man to do the business for the same, They said Agents to Convene together & agree what Price they will Give for Each Soldier, that no one may Injure the others.

Then made Choice of Messrs Isaac Symms John Torrey & Stephen Churchell a Committe to Distribute the Copys of Said Classes in a Proper manner.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to ye 8th Instant 2 a Clock P M

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth January 8th 1781 by Adjournment from ye 1st Instant.

Voted That Ephraim Spooner Capt Thomas Nicolson & Majr Joshua Thomas be and hereby are appointed a Committe to Present the thanks of this Town to The Revd Jonathan Moore for his verry Serious & Learnd Sermon Diliverd in this Place the last Anniversary, the Town hereby Assure him they Entertain the highest Sentiments of his Conduct on that occasion and wish the Circumstances of the Town would Admit them to ask a Copy of the Same to be Printed for the Benefit of the Publick.

Then Voted & Chose

The Honourable James Warren Esqr Capt Thomas Nicolson & Ephraim Spooner Ageuts to Petition the Generall Court for a Abatement of the number of men lately required from this Town to Reinforce the Continental Army, on account of the Number we have now in Sd Army from this Town According to the Schedule Exhibited by Majr Goodwin.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 15th Instant to Two a Clock in the afternoon.

The Subscriber hereby Certifys that when the Inhabitants of the Town were Classed for the purpose of Geeting Soldiers in Janury last It was agreed upon by the Committe that Mr Benjamin Cornish who was in the 24th Class Should Exchange with Mr Lothrop Clark in the 25th Class, Said 24th Class hath procured a Soldier & Sd Cornish has paid his full Proportion of the Expence.

Plimo Decr 12 1781 Branche Blackmer

[**443.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday the 15th day of January A D 1781 by Adjournment from the 8th Instant.

A Schedule of the Expence of the Town for the Currant year was Exhibited by the Town Treasurer—is as follows viz—

Grammer Schoolmaster Salary one year	£1080	0	0
School at Manument ponds			
Joseph Bartlett 59-6-8-(Gave an order for it)			
Wm Holbrook 119-3-4 (Gave an order for it)	178	10	0
School at Eellriver	94	10	0
Ditto at Willingsley	87	15	0
Ditto at the West part of the Town	16	10	0
Ditto at the North part of the Town	48	15	0
Sexton Wages	80	0	0
Support of Priscilla Warren one year	470	0	0
Assessors Wages with Valuation	1200	0	0
Treasurers Commissions	400	0	0
Constables Commissions 12d pr pound			
£ 9000-Bounty 1500-0	10500	0	0
Supporting Hannah Thorn 1 year	370	0	0
Do Ben Keys	240	0	0
Provisions & Support for the Poor about	2000	0	0
Deficiency by reason of Abatements	2200	0	0
Supplyg the Soldiers Familys about 1200-0 a pr in a family	13200	0	0
Beefe Procured for the Army	12600	0	0
Interest money Due to William Sever Esqr	2700	0	0
Currant money	47	466	0

Equal to 1187-0-0d bill the new Emission.

Then Voted to Raise the Sum of Eleven Hundred pounds for Defraying the Charges of the Town the Currant year.

Then voted the Interest Due on Capt Thomas Davis's Bond Should Cease when It appears the value Thereof was paid by said Davis to ye Treasurer.

Then voted to allow Majr Joshua Thomas Interest for the money the Town ows him.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 29th of this Instant January to 2 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 29th of January A D 1781 by Adjournment from the 15th Instant.

At Said Meeting the Committe for Selling the Common lands as Entd the 1st Instant Desired to be Directed by the Town whither they Should Sell the Towns building yard & that part of the *Traneing Green they were orderd to

*In 1711 all the common land bounded by Pleasant, Sandwich, South, and North Green streets, was set off as "a perpetual common or training place, never to be granted any part thereof, but be perpetually for public and common benefit." Notwithstanding the above vote of the town the burdens of the war were so severely felt that the town sold in 1788 that portion between South and Green streets, and reduced the Green to its present dimensions.

Sell for the Sum offerd viz Forty pounds for the building yard & Forty pounds an acre for the Traneing Green.

A vote was Calld & pas't in the Negative.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to the time the March Meeting Shall be held.

[**444.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 26th day of February Anno Domini 1781.

Capt Thomas Nicolson was Chosen Moderator.

Voted it is the Sense of the Town that when the Inhabitants were Classed for the purpose of Procureing Soldiers for the Continental Army That if one Class Should pay more money for a Soldier than another, the Surplusage Should be Everaged.

Then a vote was Calld to know If the Town would direct that Six of the Classes who were Directed to procure Each one a Soldier Should Immediately pay One Hundred hard Dollars a Class or paper money Equivalent to Such person as the town Shall appoint to receive the Same in order to purchase beefe for the Army agreeable to the Requisition of the Generall Court. It passed in the Affirmative.

The Classes to lott for the Same. Then made Choice of Isaac Lothrop Esqr to Receive The Same.

The Classes met pr their Agents at the house of Mr John Bartlett Inholder on tuesday ye 27th day of Febry Instant & Drew lots for that purpose. The below mentioned Classes by lot are to lodge their money for Beefe as aforesd viz—

ye 12th Class Capt Thomas Davis & others
3rd Class Majr Joshua Thomas & others
8th Do Mr Zacheus Curtis & others
9th Do Mr Nathaniel Lewis & others
17th Do Mr Samuel Battles & others
19th Do Mr Lemuel Morton & others

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth March 5th A D 1781 being the Annual Meeting to which time the Meetings for Classg the Inhabitants & procureing Beefe were Adjournd to, (See the last page) The Town voted That all those classes of the Inhabitants of this Town, That han't Procured Soldiers for the Continental Army Pay One Hundred hard Dollars a Class or Paper Equivalent, Immediately into the Selectmen (or Such other person as the Town Shall

appoint) to be Applyd for the purpose of procureing our full Quota of men for the Continental Army the remainder of Said money to be applyd for the purpose of Procureing our part of Beefe for Said Army. Allso voted the whole Expence that hath or may arrise for Procureing Said Soldiers Shall be Averaged amongst all the Inhabitants Equally. And in Case this Town Shall be so unfortunate as to have a fine laid on them by the General Court for not procureing our Quota of Sd Army it Shall be paid by the whole Town. Their was in meeting at the Same time a number of the Agents for Severall of Said Classes who Declared that was the Determination of the Sd Agents when they first met on said business about three weeks ago.

Then the meeting was Adjournd to ye 19th Instt 2 a Clock P M.

[**445.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 5th March Anno Domini 1781.

Majr Joshua Thomas Chosen Moderator.

Ephraim Spooner Chosen Town Clerk & Sworn pr Thomas Mayhew Esqr.

Majr Joshua Thomas MrNaaman Holbrook Mr Stephen Doten Mr Samuel Bartlett Mr Daniel Diman Mr Barnabas Hedge & Ephraim Spooner Were Chosen Selectmen

John Cotton Esqr Mr Eleazer Stephens Mr Andrew Croswell Were Chosen Assessors

Then the Votes for a County Register & a County Treasurer were Seperately brought in & Sealed up in open Town Meeting pr.———

John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Town Treasurer.

Mr John Waterman & Deacn Jonathan Diman Were Chosen Grand Jurors for the year.

Messrs Andrew Bartlett Branch Blackmer Joseph Sylvester Silas Valler & Robert Davie Were Chosen to Serve on the Petit Jury at the next Inferiour Court &c to be holden at Plimouth on the Second Tuesday of April Next,

Then Voted their Shall be as many Schools & under the Same regulations as the last year.

Then made Choice of

Messrs Thomas Davis John Watson & William Crombie a Committe to Supply the Grammer School with a Suteable Schoolmaster.

Then made Choice of

Messrs Andrew Bartlett Branch Blackmer & John Bartlett a Committe to Supply the School at Manument Ponds with a Suteable Master

Then made Choice of

Messrs Barnabas Ellis & Thomas Ellis a Committe to Supply the School in their Neighbourhood with a Suteable person

Then made Choice of

Messrs Phillip Leonard Stephen Doten & Thomas Morton Junr a Committe to Supply the School at Eellriver with a Suteable Keeper.

Then made Choice of

Colo Cotton & Ebenr Nelson a Committe for their Neighbourd

Then made Choice of

Ben: Lucas & Isaac Jackson a Committe for their Neighbd

Then voted & made Choice of the Assessors a Committe to Determine what Each part of the Town Shall Receive out of the Treasury to Support their Respective Schools.

[**446.**] The Act respecting the Observation of the Lords Day & The Choice and duty of Wardens was read after which

Messrs Isaac Le Barron Thomas Davis Junr James Collings Andrew Bartlett & Ichabod Holmes Were Chosen Wardens

Messrs Job Cobb John Torrey Benjamin Lucas Benjamin Barnes Junr Caleb Morton John Bartlett & Simeon Valler Were Chosen Surveyors of the highways.

Then made Choice of

Mr Thomas Jackson Mr Thomas Wethrell Mr William Warren Mr Daniel Diman Mr Jeremiah Holmes Mr Israel Clark Mr Andrew Bartlett a Committe to make Enqiury what is the Lowest Sum they Can procure Collectors for the whole Town & report at the Adjournment

Then made Choice of

Messrs Stephen Doten Junr Sylvanus Bartlett Thomas Nicolson Caleb Howland & Abner Bartlett Fence Viewers & Field Drivers

Then made Choice of

General Warren John Swift Ichabod Holmes Colo Cotton Capt Thomas Davis Benjamin Lucas Benjamin Cornish

Israel Clark & Eleazr Ellis Were Chosen a Committe to fire the wood at a Proper time & prevent Damage to the Wood Lots in Town

Then Voted to take a Quantity of Alewives for Sail in the River runing out of Halfway pond not Exceeding Two Hun dred Barrells.

Then voted that no alewives Shall be taken for Sail in the Town brook and voted to Conduct Respecting Sd fish as in 1779 (See Folio 403)

Accordingly made Choice of

Messrs Thomas Jackson	William Crombie
Ezra Burbank	William Harlow Junr
James Doten	Samuel Battles
Ebenezr Samson	Nathl Carver
Ichabod Holmes	Stephen Churchell
Richard Cooper	George Donham
James Drew	Ephraim Spooner
Sylvanus Harlow	John Torrey
Samuel Bartlett &	Sylvanus Bartlett

a Committe for that purpose

Allso voted & directed our Representative to Petition the Generall Court of this Commonwealth for an Act of the Same Simmelar to the by law now in force Regulating the Catching Sd Fish in the Town Brook

[**447.**] At Said Meeting voted & Chose

Messrs Thomas Jackson Caleb Howland Nehemiah Ripley Stephen Doten Junr & Seth Mendal a Committe to Consider what method the Town had best adopt respectg Yarding Sheep and Rams from Going at large in this Town and Report at the Adjournmt.

Then voted & chose Mr Thomas Jackson Capt Thomas Nicolson & Deacn Jonathan Diman a Committe to take into Consideration the matter of Supporting the Poor in Town for Future& report at the Adjournmt.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 19th Instant 2 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth March 19th A D 1781 by Adjournmt from ye 5th Instant.

Majr Joshua Thomas the Moderator being absent Deacn Jonathan Diman was Chosen Moderator Pro Tem.

Voted the Constable Shall be Collector & Shall have

twelve pence upon the pound for collecting & paying in the Towns money if they fulfill the Conditions Required in the vote of this Town ye 7th of March 1768 (See Folio page 240th).

The Committe for procureing a Collector or Collectors in this Town the presant year Reported it as their opinion it would be best to Divide the Town into five Districts, viz as many as their are Military Companys; and that their Should be a Collector for Each District.

Voted to accept Said Report.

Then voted to allow the Collector or Collectors for the whole Town the presant year the Sum of Sixteen pounds hard money or paper Equivalent, more than the premium of twelve pence per pound as abovesd to be divided amongst them in proportion to the Sum they may be Directed to Collect.

Then made Choice of

Mr Stephen Samson Collecto for ye 1st & 2nd Districts

Then Chose Mr Jeremiah Homes Collr for ye 3rd & 4th Districts

The oaths pr Law Required was Administered to them pr Thos Mayhew Esqr.

Capt Barnabas Hedge Came into Meeting & declared his Refusal to serve as a Selectman.

Then made Choice of Deacn Willm Crombie as a Selectman who Refused to Serve.

Then made Choice of Mr William LeBarron as a Selectman.

Then made Choice of Mr Thomas Jackson Capt Thomas Nicolson & Mr Daniel Diman a Committe to take the Request of Mr John Goddard praying the Town would pay him the value of the Counterfeit money he took for Taxes & Cant tell of whom he took it. Allso That the Town would Reimburst him the fees he paid on an Exe from the State Treasury & report Their opinion To the Town as soon as they Can.

[448.] The Town made Choice of

Colo Cotton Willm Watson Esqr Mr James Drew Isaac Lothrop Esqr & Majr Joshua Thomas Committe of Correspondence &c &c

Then made Choice of Mr Benjamin Lucas as an Assistant to Mr John Torrey one of the Surveyors who is now in the Army.

Then made Choice of

Mr Phillip Leonard Mr John Bartlett Sen Mr James Wright Capt Zacheus Bartlett & Mr Isaac Howland a Committe to take care of half way Pond herring brook.

Then made Choice of

Mr Thomas Jackson Capt Thomas Nicolson Mr Samuel Bartlett Majr Nathl Goodwin & Ephraim Spooner Firewards

Messrs James Drew Thomas Jackson & Stephen Churchell were Chosen Guagers of Cask & packers of Fish

Messrs Samuel Battles Lemuel Drew & David Lothrop Were Chosen Tytheingmen

Messrs Nathaniel Lewis & Jacob Alberton Were Chosen Sealers of Leather.

Messrs Thomas Nicolson Nathl Lewis Thomas Lothrop Timo Goodwin Joseph Howland John Torrey Caleb Howland William Morton Jesse Harlow George Ellis Lemuel Morton Abner Bartlett Thomas Jackson Junr & Ichabod Holmes Junr Were Chosen Hogreeves.

Messrs Thomas Jackson & Ichabod Holmes Were Chosen Cullers of Fish

William Watson Esqr & Samuel Cole were Chosen Clerks of the Markit.

Messrs Daniel Diman Lemuell Drew & David Lothrop were Chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

Messrs Thomas Jackson James Drew Stephen Churchill & Leml Drew Were Chosen viewers & Cullers of Staves & hoops & Surveyors Clapboards & Shingles.

Messrs Phillip Leonard Thomas Ellis & Joseph Trask Were Chosen Deerereeves

[449.] Messrs George Ellis Peter Shurteff Lemuel Morton Thomas Clark Junr Thomas Morton Junr Samuel Battles were chosen to take care of Plimouth Beach agreeable to Law.

Then voted the selectmen shall procure a sexton for the Ensuing year on the best terms they can. Then this meeting was Adjournd to Fryday ye 23rd day of March Instant to 2 a clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth March 23d 1781 by Adjournment from the 19th Instant.

William Bartlett of Ponds chosen Constable & Collectr.

Then voted three of the Selectmen shall be a Quorum for doing the Towns business.

Then voted the Committe who were appointed for the matter of yarding the sheep in Town, be Directed to report to the next Town Meeting.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 2nd day of April Anno Domini 1781 being the first Monday in said month, For the purpose of Collecting the votes for a Governor, Lieut Governor & senators the Ensuing year.

Their were for a Governor as below viz—

His Excelency John Hancock Esqr 46 votes
The Honobl James Bowdoin Esqr 14 votes
The Honourl James Warren Esqr 6

For a Lieut Governor viz:

The Honourable Thomas Cushing Esqr 47 votes
The Honourble Azor Orn Esqr 2 Do
The Honourbl James Warren Esqr 16 Do
Mr Stephen Samson 1 Do

For Senators were as follows viz:

For The Honourable William Sever Esqr	31
For the Honourable Charles Turner Esqr	46
For The Honourbl Nathan Cushing Esqr	12
For William Watson Esqr	8
For Hugh Orr Esqr	6
For the Revd Gad Hitchcock	4
For Colo Thomas Lothrop	6
For The Honbl James Warren Esqr	12
For Isaac Lothrop Esqr	12
For John Turner Esqr	1
For Mr Abraham Hammet	1
For Mr John Peterson	2
For Mr Thomas Waterman	1
For Mr Zebide Sprout	1
For Ephraim Spooner	4

[**450.**] The Honourbl James Warren Esqr chosen Moderator.

Then the Report of the Committe respecting sheep was read & is as follows viz—

We the Subscribers being appointed by the Town of Plimouth at their meeting in March last to Consider and report to the Town what is best to be done in Refferance to

yarding sheep, Report as follows. That it is our opinion that the sheep should be yarded on the first & second of Novembr & all those persons that assist in takeing up & yarding them shall Receive their sheep clear of charge, and likewise Those persons which own sheep and do not assist in takeing up & yarding them shall pay six pence per head & the charge of keeping them if any charge their be. Allso that all sheep that are so taken up after the sixth day of Novembr not Badged shall be Considered as strays, and If the owner appears for said sheep he shall pay six pence per head with the charge arriseing thereon to the yard keeper, which is submitted pr

Thomas Jackson
Caleb Howland
Thomas Wethrell.

Voted to accept said Report.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth April 23d A D 1781.

Majr Joshua Thomas chosen moderator.

Then voted & chose

Messrs Isaac Symms
Stephen Samson &
Abraham Hammit

a committe to ascertain the bounds of the sheep Pasture Land & Prosecute all Trespassers upon those lands & Report what is best for the Town to do in the matter of selling the same or laying it out into Lotts and Report at the Adjournment.

Then voted that the Town Treasurer be & hereby is Directed to adjust and settle the Debts due to & from this Town agreeable to the Depreciation orderd by the Genll Court. Then made choice of

Majr Joshua Thomas
Mr. Stephen Samson
Capt Thomas Davis
Isaac Lothrop Esqr &
Mr Ichabod Shaw

a committe to take into Consideration the matter of this Town's procureing the Beefs Requested by the General Court, and report at the adjournment. Then this meeting was Adjournd to ye 1st May next to 2 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth on the first day of May 1781 by Adjournment from the 23d of April last.

Thomas Mayhew Esqr was chosen Moderator P T. Then voted & aded Colo Cotton & Lieut John Cotton Junr to the Committe Respectg Prosecuting the Trespassers upon the Sheep pasture Lands ascertain the bounds of those lands &c, as Entd 23rd of April last.

Then voted & directed the Committe for takeing into Consideration the matter of procureing Beefe for the army which were chosen at the last meeting to report at the next Town Meeting.

Messrs Thomas Jackson & Benjamin Ryder were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury at the next Supreme Judicial Court &c to be holden at Plimouth on the 3rd tuesday of May Instant.

& Messrs Israel Clark, James Clark, Joseph Bartlett Junr, James Clark Ben. Drew & Samuel Bartlett Junr were chosen to serve on the Petit Jury at said Court.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth June 14th A D 1781.

Colo Theophilus Cotton chosen Moderator. Then the report of the committe Respectg Mr John Goddards Request was read & is as follows viz: The committe appointed by the Town to consider the request of Mr. John Goddard praying the Town would allow him the sum of two hundred & eighty Dollars, which sum he Recd in counterfit bills for taxes in the year 1779 & allso that the Town would allow him what fees he paid upon an execution Issued by the State Treasurer amounting to ninety eight pounds 8-4 Beg leave to report that we think the particular Scituation of this Town in respect of Geathering the Taxes at the time Mr Goddard took the bills, we would recommend that he be allowd one half the expence arriseing on the execution.

Thomas Jackson
Daniel Diman
Thomas Nicolson

Plimouth May 9th 1781.

After considering the matter fully the Town voted to allow to sd Goddard the money requested viz Two hundred & eighty Dollars old Emission is the Counterfit monev & on account of the peculiar circumstances of the Town when Mr Goddards bills were Given to him, and the Taxes being

made much later than usual & for a larger sum, than had been collected in any former year in this Town, The Town voted to reimburst him the expence he paid of fees on the last execution from the state Treasurer being ninety eighty pounds Eight Shillings & 4 d money the old Emission.

Recd my Dues as above by an ordr on Mr. Treasurer Cotton Dated June 14th 1781

pr John Goddard.

[452.] Then voted that the committe appointed to make sail of part of the traneing Green & building yard be and hereby are Directed to make Deligent Enquirey what Price they Can Geet for those lands, with the allowance that the purchaser shall not be taxed for the same the term of Ten years.

Then voted to allow Capt Jesse Harlow Intrest for his Dues from this Town since ye 31st of Octobr 1778 for Two Hundred Forty three pounds 5-6 as by the Selectmens order on the Town Treasurer.

Voted to abate Mr Ebenezr Bartletts Poll Tax in Mr Stephen Dotens bills, he being more than 70 years of age.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to ye 18th day of May Instant to 2 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plymouth Legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth May 18th 1781.

*Deacn Jonathan Diman chosen Moderator Pro Tem. Then voted that the Committe for selling part of the Traneing Green & the Building yard Endeavour to Dispose of the same at vendue if they can geet neere the value thereof, they to use their discression in the matter.

Then the meeting was Adjournd to Fryday ye 26th day May Instant.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth June 4th 1781.

John Cotton Esqr chosen Moderator.

Capt Samuel Nick Nellson & Lemuel Cobb were chosen to serve on the Petit Jury at the next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plimouth on the first tuesday of July next.

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* Jonathan Diman was a son of Thomas Diman of Bristol, Rhode Island, and was born in that town.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to Monday the 11th of June Instant to 3 a Clock afternoon.

At a meeting of the Town of Plymouth on the 11th day of June 1781 by Adjournment from ye 4th Instant.

Voted that those persons that supplyd the Town with money in May last for the purpose of buying, or paying for Beefe Requested of this Town by the Generall Court, shall be paid if they Desire it their severall Disburstments, in the next tax, at the same rate the Agent for collecting Beefe, or the Generall Court allow this Town therefor.

The money was Recd of the Persons as Below viz:

*The 3rd Precinct in Plimo	2517	0	0
of Deacn Jonathan Diman	150	0	0
of John Goddard Pd	108	0	0
of Robert Brown	162	12	0
of Generll Warren	558	0	0
of Davis & Spooner	1013	2	0
of Thomas Mayhew Esqr	150	0	0
of William Watson Esqr	300	0	0
of The Revd Chandler Robbins	303	18	0
	£5352	12	0

* In 1743 a portion of the First Church drew off and formed a new Society which was called the Third Precinct. They built a meeting house on the North side of Middle street (then called King street) on a site covering the opening of the alley leading to North street. In 1783 the Society returned to the First Parish, and then the meeting house was abandoned. The original members of the Third Precinct and seceders from the First Church were the following:

Joseph Abbot
Francis Adams
Robert Brown
Josiah Carver
Eben Cobb
Elisha Cobb
Ephraim Cobb
Jabez Cobb
Job Cobb
Nathan Cobb
Sylvanus Cobb
John Crandon
Eben Curtis
Jacob Curtis
Zacheus Curtis
Jonathan Darling
William Dawes
Nathan Delano
Jonathan Diman
Elisha Doten
Thomas Dotey
Joshua Drew
Lemuel Drew
Charles Dyer
James Faunce
Thomas Faunce
John Finney
Josiah Finney
Robert Finney
Rodolphus Hatch
Abner Holmes
Benjamin Holmes
Cornelius Holmes
Nathaniel Holmes
Thomas Holmes
Nathl Howland
Wm Keen
Isaac Little
Isaac Lothrop
Seth Luce
John Martin
David Moore
David Morton
Ephraim Morton
Ezekiel Morton
Joseph Morton
Joseph Morton, Jr.
Josiah Morton
Thos. Witherell
John Murdock
Thos. Murdock
Samuel Nelson
Ephraim Paddock
Walter Rich
Joseph Rider
Joseph Rider, Jr.
Josiah Rider
Wm. Rogers
James Sallers
Jonathan Saunders
Jedediah Stetson
Perez Tillson
Eleazer Tinkham
Helkiah Tinkham
Perez Tinkham
Zedekiah Tinkham
Richard Waite
Benjamin Warren
James Warren
Nathl Warren
Silas West
Edward Winslow
James Witherell

1781 Novr 13th Then The Selectmen Drew on ye Town Treasur to pay this money at 75 for one being what ye Town Got for it.

Voted that the Agent appointed by the Town in Febry last viz Isaac Lothrop Esqr for Receiving money of six Deficiant Classes be & he hereby is Directed to call upon the Agents for those Classes and know if their money is ready agreeable to said vote and Report at the Adjournment. Then this meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 15th July Instant to 3 a clock P M

At a meeting of the Town of Plimo June 18th 1781 by Adjournment from the 4th Instant.

Voted & added Capt Thomas Nicolson & Deacn Jonathan Diman to the committe who was Isaac Lothrop Esqr to Call upon the 6 Classes & know if their money is ready as abovesd & Report at the adjournment.

Then this meeting was Adjournd ye 25th June Instant 3 a clock p m

The Town met on the 25th of June as abovesd & adjournd to the 9th July next 3 a Clock p m

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth July 9th 1781.

The Town voted & choose

Mr James Drew
Capt Barnabs Hedge &
Colo Nathl Goodwin

a Committe to procure Supplys for the Soldiers familys agreeable to the order of the Generall Court & report at the Adjournment.

Then made choice of John Cotton Esqr
Majr Joshua Thomas &
Ephm Spooner

a committe to make an estimate what money it is necessary should be raised Towds defreying the charges of the Town the presant year & report at the Adjournment.

Then voted to put of the consideration of the collectors & report at the Adjournment.

Then voted to put of the consideration of the Collectors & Town Treasurers not takeing continental Currancy of the old Emission for Taxes until another town meeting.

Then voted & choose

Mr Sylvanus Bramhall
Capt Thomas Davis &
Colo Theophilus Cotton

a committe to consider the last Requisition of the Generall Court for about 10,000 lbs Beefe to be paid in 6 months 1-6th pt each month and report at the Adjournment.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to ye 16th Instant to 3 a Clock p m

[**454.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth July 16th 1781 by adjournment from the 9th Instant.

The estemate of what money was needful to be raisd was laid before the Town, is as follws viz:

for abt 12 Soldiers familys at 24-0 Each Silver money				144	0	0
Expence of the Sutes to prevent Seining in half way pond River our half				15	0	0
Expence of the Action against Nathl Barnes's Estate				6	0	0
Expence of Supportg Capt Nathan Dellano 6 mo Is 26 weeks at 18 pr week				23	8	8
The Supplys to the other poor				15	0	0
&				15	0	0
Cloathing for the Army viz						
43 pr Shoes at 12	25	16	0			
43 pr Stockings at 5	10	15	0			
43 Shirts at 9	19	7	0			
22 blankits at 24	26	8	0	82	6	0
for what is Due to Mr Nathl Junr our former Schoolmaster				15	0	0
for what is Due to Mr Jos Crocker our former Schoolmaster				31	5	6
				346	19	6

Then voted to Raise the sum of Three hundred & forty six pounds silver money towards defreying the charges of the Town the Currant year to be made at the same time the next state tax is made & be paid in silver money or paper at the Currant Exchange when paid.

Then made choice of

Majr Joshua Thomas
Isaac Lothrop Esqr
& Capt Ben. Ryder Junr

a committe to make application to the Generall Court that

we may be allowd our Disburstments for the six & three months men the last year.

Then voted the committe for procureing supplys for the soldiers familys be Desired to continue their endeavours to procure such supplyes & report their doings to the Town.

Then this meeting was adjourned to ye 23rd Instant 3 a Clock p m

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth July 23d 1781.

Messrs Sylvanus Bartlett Thomas Bartlett Richard Cooper Benja Ryder Junr Benjamin Warren & Thomas Davis were chosen to serve on the Jury at the meratime court to be holden at Plimouth July ye 25th Instant.

Then the meeting that stood adjournd to this day was opend.

Majr Joshua Thomas was chosen Moderator Pro Tem.

Then this meeting was adjournd to ye 30th of July Instant 3 a Clock p m

[**455.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth July 23d A D 1781 for the purpose of takeing into Consideration the matter of Giveing encouragement to those men that are Requested of this town by the Generall Court as pr their Resolves of June last.

Messrs Joshua Thomas Chosen Moderator.

Voted this Town will Give an additional Encouragement to those men that Shall be raised for ye Service abovesd.

Then this meeting was adjourned to ye 30th July Instant to 3 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth July 30th A D 1781 by Adjournment from the 23rd of July Instant, viz the meeting for Raiseing money.

Majr Joshua Thomas Chosen Moderator Pro Tempora.

Then voted to Raise the Sum of Seventy five pounds Silver money to be Included in the tax now makeing to be paid in Silver money or paper at the Currant Exchange to pay those men that lent the town money to pay for Beefe as Entd ye 4th of June last.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth Augst 13th 1781.

Majr Joshua Thomas was Chosen Moderator.

Then voted to procure one half the Quantity of Beefe requested of this Town by the Generall Court as pr their Resolve of ye 22nd of June last viz—5171 lbs, the whole being 10342 lbs.

Then voted & Chose Capt Thomas Nicolson Capt Thomas Mathews & Deacn William Crombie a Committe to procure of Individuals Either money or Beefe agreeable to the abovesd vote as Shall be most Advantageous to the Town Considerd as Connected with the whole Commonwealth, they to take Such methods in doeing Sd business as they may think proper, & to forward Sd Beefe or money to the proper Agent for receivg It as soon as possible.

Then voted and Gave Mr Belcher Manter of Rochester liberty to Set a Sawmill on the brook runing out of half way pond in this Town agreeable to his request, he Giveing a bond to the Town Treasurer, obliging himself, his heirs & assigns to keep a Good Sufficient & Convenient Passage way open Annually & Every year through his Dam for the alewives to pass in Sd Brook for so long a time Annually as the Committes for takeing Care of the Same Shall think proper.

(See his bond at the Town Treasurers)

[**456.**] At Said Meeting the (Town) voted & Chose Majr Joshua Thomas Capt Thomas Nicolson & Mr Samuel Cole Agents In the Town's Behalf to remonstrate to the Great & Generall Court of this Commonwealth at their next Sessions Informing them the many peculiar Difficulties this town labour under by means of the presant war, that puts it out of our power to pay the Taxes and procure the Clothing, Provisions & Soldiers, requested of us by Said Court, & pray an abatement or remission of the Same.

Then voted & Directed the Several Captains of the Military Companys in this Town, Each to Exert himself with their under officers to know on what terms the men requested of this Town by the General Court, as pr their resolves of the 30th of June last can be procured & report to the town at the Adjournment.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to the 20th of August Instant to 3 a Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 20th of Augst 1781—The Town voted that three pounds

per month in Specie be paid to Each of those men that Shall be procured agreeable to a late resolve of the General Court to do Service in the State of New York for ye Term of 3 months, and Forty Shillings per month to Each of those men that Shall be procured to do Service in Rhode Island for the term of five months, the above Sums are over & above the State or Continental wages.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Augst 27th A D 1781.

Majr Joshua Thomas Chosen Moderator.

William Goodwin Chosen Clerk Pro Tempora.

The report of the Committe who had Classed the Inhabitants for the purpose of procureing Soldiers for the Continental army, was read, which by reason of an Error therein was recommitted.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to ye 3rd Sept 3 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Sept 3rd A Domini 1781.

Mr Steven Samson Chosen Moderator P Tempora.

Messrs Ebenezr Bartlett & James Holmes were appointed to Serve on the Petit Jury at the Inferiour Court to be holden here ye 1st Tuesday of Octobr next.

Then Voted to put of the Consideration of the report of the Committe for Classing the Inhabitants for the purpose of procureing Soldiers untill the next Town meeting.

[**457.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Novembr 12th Anno Domini 1781.

Messrs John Cobb & Richard Holmes were Chosen to Serve on the petit Jury at the Inferiour Court to be holden at Plimouth ye 2nd Tuesday of Decembr next.

Then John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Then voted and Directed the Selectmen to Notify & attend a Vendue this week to know what is the least Sum or Sums any person will appear to Support those People for, that are now Supported by the Town, Either by the week or otherways.

Then Voted & Chose Mr Daniel Diman Capt Thomas Nicholson & Deacn William Crombie a Committe to apply

to the relations of Capt Nathan Dellano and The relations of the Children of Mr John Foster Deceasd viz, those of them that by law are liable to Support them, and find out what they will do toward their Support and report to the Town at the Adjournment.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to ye 19th Instant to 2 a Clock P M.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Novembr 19th 1781 at the Court house in Sd Town by Adjournment from ye 12th Instant.

The following Estimate of Town Charges was layd before the Town by the Treasurer &c, as what would be needed for 1781—viz—

School at Ponds	10	0	0
School at Eellriver	5	6	0
School at Hobbshole	4	17	6
School at the North part	2	14	2
School at the West part	1	0	0
Sextons wages	8	0	0
Suporting Priscilla Warren one year	31	0	0
Provisions & support for the other Poor	60	0	0
Assessors Wages making three taxes	15	0	0
Treasurers Commissions	16	0	0
Constables Commissions	240	0	0
Deficiency by reason of Abatements about	40	0	0
Support of Capt Dellano one year about	46	0	0
Support of the Soldiers Familys Say 14 at 40 each a month for Six months	144	0	0
Joshua Bartletts Son at Eben Samsons about	10	8	0
Support of Eleazr Churchell about	20	0	0
The Repairs of the Almeshouse	11	0	0
Expence of repairing the Town & Ellriver bridgs	3	0	0
Interest due to the heirs of Jams Pitts Esqr Deceasd	136	0	0
	864	15	8

Then voted to raise the Sum of Eight hundred & fifty pounds Towards defraying the Charges of the Town the Currant year.

Then voted and Directed the Committee that were Directed to wait on the relations of Capt Nathan Dellano &c, Wait upon Sd People & find out what they will do towards his Support and Report to ye Town at ye Adjournment.

Then voted & Chose Messrs William LeBaron James Doten Thos Wethrell Eleazr Stephens & Lemuel Morton a Committe to Inspect the Classes of the Inhabitants as lately Classd for procureing Soldiers which was not Recorded &

If they think best to Class them anew and Report to the Town at the Adjournment.

[**458.**] The Town meeting that was held Novembr 19th 1781 was Adjournd to ye 26th Instant to 2 a Clock P M.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth legally Assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth Novembr 26th 1781 by Adjournmt from the 19th Instant.

The Town voted & directed their Committe for waitg on the relatives of Capt Nathan Dellano &c to attend Sd Business as Entred ye 19th Instant and report to the next Town Meeting.

Then the Classes of the Inhabitants as made a Second time for procureg Soldiers was read & acceptd ad is as follows.

First Class Elnathan Holmes	0	7	6
Ebenezr Nellson	2	19	¾
Job Ryder	1	6	6¾
Ebenezr Nellson Junr	0	6	0
Samuel (Nic:) Nellson	0	9	8¼
Lemuel Cobb	0	6	6¾
Ebenezr Holmes	0	6	10½
Ebenezr Holmes Junr	0	5	0
Thaddeus Faunce	0	6	10½
Benjamin Bartlett	0	7	6
Ichabod Shaw	1	16	3
Nathl Thomas	0	15	11¼
Barnabs Holmes Junr	0	5	11¼
George Holmes	0	7	6
Richard Holmes Junr	0	14	8¼
James Collings	0	9	¾
Samuel Lanman Junr	0	5	0
Samuel Doten	0	5	0
Isaac Symms	2	8	9
Samuel Lanman Junr	0	11	10½
William Coye	0	8	5¼
Daniel Diman	2	8	9
Joseph Croswell	1	3	9
William Keen	0	5	11¼
Elkanah Bartlett	0	9	8¼
Jeremiah Holmes Junr	0	8	1½
Deacn Jonathan Diman	0	19	4½
	£22	5	8¼
Second Class Lewis Weston	2	4	4½
Colo Watson	11	6	4½
Thomas Coverton	0	9	¾
Benjn Drew	0	19	¾
John Russell	0	5	11¾
James Russell	0	7	6
Eleazr Morton	0	8	1½
Joseph Howland	0	5	11¼

Bobert Brown	1	3	9
Samuel Harlow	1	1	6¾
Stephen Samson	0	15	8¾
Thomas Goodwin	0	9	1
John Morton	0	10	7½
Capt Thomas Mathews	0	16	3
Estate of Capt Gideon White	0	16	10
Lemuel Robbins	0	9	8¼
	£22	9	11¼
Third Class Thomas Jackson	7	1	3
Thomas Jackson 3rd	0	12	10½
William Hall Jackson	3	0	0
James Carver	0	8	1½
Willm Bartlett Junr	0	9	4½
John Goodwin	2	17	6
Samuel Cole	1	5	3¾
Capt Thomas Nicolsn	1	14	7¼
Lemuel Drew	1	5	7¾
Capt Charles Dyre	1	2	2¼
Richard Holmes	1	4	¾
John Kempton Junr	0	17	6
Zepheniah Harlow	0	7	2¼
	£22	5	7½
4th Class Samuel Jackson	6	8	1½
Nathl Jackson	1	17	9¾
Thomas Jackson Junr	1	2	2½
Samuel Jackson Junr	0	11	3
Joseph Treeble	0	10	3¾
Stephen Pain	0	7	9¾
Nathl Burgess	2	0	7½
Seth Ryder	0	9	¾
Thomas Burgess Junr	0	5	0
David Drew	0	9	4½
Edwd Winslow Esqr	1	7	6
John Watson	3	0	11¼
John Bartlett	1	9	¾
John Washburn	0	10	5¼
Nathl Lewis	0	9	8¼
Jabez Doten	0	6	3
Benj Pearce	0	5	7½
Nathl Carver	6	14	8¼
Peres Wright	0	5	0
	£22	10	9¼
5th Class Majr Benjn Ryder	1	19	4¼
Capt Barnabas Hedge	5	17	6½
Thomas Mayhew Esqr	1	19	8¼
Willm Mayhew	0	6	0
Benjn Ryder Senr	2	10	3¾
James Eaton	0	5	7½
Joseph Jennings	1	10	3¾
John Cotton ye 3rd	2	8	5½
John Bishop	0	9	8¾
David Lothrop	1	3	9
John May	0	11	3

William Harlow	1	3	1½
Israel Donham	0	5	0
Joseph Ryder	1	9	4½
Nicholas Smith	0	7	6
	£22	7	¼
[459.] Sixth Class Brigadier Goodwin	4	1	6¾
Mrs Lydia Goodwin	1	8	9
William Goodwin	0	9	4½
Colo Thomas Lothrop	1	8	5¼
Samuel Bartlett	2	4	¾
Ezra Burbank	0	9	1
Osborn Morton	0	5	0
Majr Thomas	0	14	4½
Doctr Willm Thomas	1	17	9¾
James Savery	0	6	3
Thomas Wethrell	1	5	3¾
Willm LeBarron	2	8	0
Hezakiah Tinkcom	0	2	6
Ebenezr Luce	0	5	0
Thomas Spooner	0	6	6¾
Capt Simeon Samson	4	0	0
George Bartlett	0	6	10½
John Drew Junr	0	6	3
Branch Churchell	0	6	9
	22	12	0
The Seventh Class viz Capt Thomas Davis	9	4	8¼
Thomas Davis Junr	1	10	0
William Davis	1	6	10½
Joseph Trask	0	8	9
Jonathan Tufts	0	8	9
David Bacon	0	11	10½
Ephm Spooner	6	1	11
Isaac Le Baron	1	16	10
William Churchell	0	7	6
Joseph Treeble Junr	0	9	4½
Ezra Holmes	0	5	11½
	£22	12	6¼
The Eighth Class viz Capt Sylvanus Harlow	1	0	0
Isaac Harlow	0	14	8¼
Bartlett Marshall	0	6	3
Amaziah Harlow	0	9	¾
Lazarus Harlow	0	10	7½
Capt James Doten	0	12	6
Nathl Washbn	0	5	7½
William Bartlett	0	9	10
Samuel Bartlett Junr	0	5	0
John Torrey	3	0	0
Benjn Barnes	0	8	1½
Joseph Barnes	0	14	3
Capt Jesse Harlow	0	17	6
Capt Corbin Barnes	1	5	0
Josiah Finney Junr	0	7	7½
William Bradford	0	9	¼
Seth Harlow	0	16	3

James Drew	2	16	6¾
Capt Stephen Churchell	0	19	0
Lemuel Barnes	0	6	0
Benjn Barnes Junr	1	11	6¾
Isaac Barnes	1	9	¾
Nathl Harlow	0	10	0
Samuel Battles	2	1	6¾
John King	0	6	3
	£22	11	4¼
The Ninth Class viz Eleazr Stephens	1	3	11½
Ebenezr Samson	0	18	1½
John Edwards	0	6	10½
William Ryder Junr	0	5	11½
Abner Sylvester	0	10	0
Mrs Mercy Hedge	0	10	0
Bartlett Sylvester	0	5	11¼
Barnabs Churchell	0	8	1½
Estate of Bars Churchell	0	12	6
Nathl Doten	0	8	1½
Charles Bradford	0	6	0
Robert Davie	0	7	2¼
Silas Donham	0	9	4½
Joseph Robbins	0	7	6
Amos Ryder	1	1	10½
Lemuel Holmes	0	15	7½
Lemuel Holmes Junr	0	8	1½
Jesse Churchell	1	1	3
Joshua Holmes	0	5	0
Josiah Bartlett	0	9	6¾
William Davie	0	7	2
Capt Elkanah Watson	2	12	9¾
Estate of Sam: Bartlett	1	5	0
John Kempton	1	11	10
Estate of James Hovey Esqr	3	2	6
William Huston	0	7	6
Timothy Goodwin	0	9	8
Nathl Brown	0	7	2
Peter Holmes	0	9	8
Willm Sever Esqr	0	6	3
Jeremiah Howes	0	4	6
James Cole	0	6	0
James Wright	0	5	0
	£22	16	2
The 10th Class Eleazr Holmes	1	18	5½
Samuel Donham	0	14	4½
Barnabs Donham	0	12	6
William Donham	0	12	6
Thaddeus Churchell	0	8	1½
Amaziah Churchell Junr	0	7	6
Peleg Faunce	0	5	7
Ichabod Holmes	2	1	7
Ichabod Holmes Junr	0	6	6¾
Thomas Morton	1	8	1½
Thomas Morton ye 3d	0	5	11¼
Thomas Bartlett	1	13	1½

Deacn Joseph Bartlett	3	7	2¼
Joseph Bartlett Junr	1	10	0
Lemuel Bartlett	0	19	8¼
David Holmes	0	10	0
Nathl Morton Junr	1	12	9¾
Amaziah Churchell	0	11	6¾
Sylvanus Howes	0	15	3¼
Jabes Churchell	0	8	9
Ephraim Bartlett	0	16	6¾
Capt Thomas Doten	0	8	6
William King	0	6	3
	£22	0	11½
The 11th Class Nathl Morton	0	18	1½
Lemuel Morton	2	19	4¼
Half of N Mortons Farm	0	19	¾
Peter Shurtleff	1	4	¾
Sylvanus Holmes Junr	0	7	6
Willard Sears	0	10	7½
Thomas Sears	0	10	7½
Capt John Finney	2	1	3
Bartlett Holmes	0	18	10
Ellis Holmes	0	12	10¾
James Harlow	1	3	8¼
Jonathan Harlow	1	5	7½
Andrew Croswell	3	18	1½
James Clark	4	15	7½
Willm Harlow 3rd	0	12	6
	£22	17	10¾
The 12th Class Abner Bartlett	4	17	9¾
John Bartlett	1	10	7¾
Andrew Bartlett	1	2	6
Estate of Jonathan Bartlett Deceasd	1	1	3
Willm Bartlett ye 3rd	0	5	0
Eliphalet Holbrook	0	15	0
Ezekiel Ryder	0	17	6
Jonathan Harlow Junr	0	7	6
Benjamin Cornish	1	3	8
James Holmes	0	18	3¼
Sylvester Holmes	0	5	0
Barnabas Holmes	1	11	6½
Isaac Harlow	0	13	1½
Azariah Thrasher	0	5	0
Jacob Johnson	0	14	4¾
Joseph Bates Junr	0	5	0
David Bates	0	9	8¼
Nathl Bartlett	1	13	9
Joseph Sylvester	1	16	10½
John Ryder	0	6	3
Seth Holmes	2	5	2½
	£23	4	11¼
The 13th Class Capt Zacheus Bartlett	4	9	4½

[460.] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally

Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Decembr 3rd 1781.

John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Then the Act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth laying a duty on Spirituous Liqrs &c was read, After which the Town voted that inasmuch as Said Act appeared to them a verry unequill way of raiseing money for the Publick and would operate to the Great disadvantage of many towns in this Commonwealth, more Especially those on the Sea Coast. They would choose a Committe to Petition the Great & General Court of the Commonwealth that they would repeal Said Act. Accordingly made Choice of

Ephraim Spooner — William Watson Esqr
Capt Thomas Nicolson — Mr Stephen Samson &
Mr Samuel Cole

a Committe for that purpose they to confer with the other Town's in this County on that Subject in Such a manner as they may think Best.

Then voted and Chose

Capt Thomas Nicolson — Mr Stephen Samson
Mr Jeremiah Holmes — Mr Thomas Davis Junr

& Ephraim Spooner a Committe to draft a Petition to the Generall Court of this Commonwealth Praying for releaf Considering our presant Distressd circumstances we being unable to Comply with their requisition for men, Beefe, Taxes & Cloathing Sd Committe to Collect the particular Circumstances of the Town & represent them in Sd Petition in Special they are directed to pray for an Abatement of the men required of us for the Continental Army Considering the numbr we have now in the Army & our Inability to procure the remainder they required.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to ye 10th Instant to 2 a Clock afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Decembr ye 10th 1781 by Adjournment from ye 3rd Instant.

The Town voted to Indemnify the Assessors & Save them harmless for not Complying with the Requisition of the General Court of ye 20th of Octobr last Directing them to Assess the Classes that han't procured their men to reinforce the Continental Army.

Then made Choice of Mr William LeBarron a Committe to Copy the Class's for procureing Soldiers as Entd ye 26th

past & delivr them to the first person named in Each Class.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 24th Instant to 2 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Decr 24th 1781 by Adjournment from the 10th Instant. Voted and Directed that this Town Petition against the Excise act be deliverd to our Representative he to prefer it to the General Court provided he can do it under Such Circumstances as that it will not operate to the Injury of the Town.

Voted & Chose Majr Joshua Thomas an Agent in the Towns behalf to present the Petition of the General Court praying for releaf Considering our presant circumstances & that he do his Endeavours to get the prayer thereof Granted.

Then voted & directed our Sd Representative to Petition the Generall Court of this Commonwealth for an Act of the Same Enabling this Town to regulate the herring brook agreeable to a plan that shall be deliverd him by the Selectmen who are hereby directed to perform Sd business.

Then voted & directed the Committe that were appointed in April last respecting the Sheep pasture land belonging to this town to Dispose of Such of said lands they may think proper. If they Can Geet what they may Suppose the Value thereoff.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Sd Town Janry 7th 1782.

Thomas Mayhew Esqr Chosen Moderator.

Voted & Chose Messrs William Watson Esqr Thomas Nicolson & Ephraim Spooner a Committe to prepare Intsructions for our Representative directing him to use his Influence in the Generall Court at their next Sessions, that Congress may be requested to give possitive Instructions to their Commissioners for Negociateing a peace, to make the right of the United States to the Fishery an Indispensible Article of Treaty.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to Fryday ye 11th Instant to two a Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Janry 11th 1782 by Adjournment from the 7th Instant the Committe appointed to draw up Instructions for our Representative Reported as follows.

To Majr Joshua Thomas
Sir

The Extraordinary Successes that have attended the Armes of the United States & our Allies in the preceeding Campaign, Thanks to Heaven therefor, Give us Some reason to think that our Enimies will Soon Sue for peace, In which your Constituants feel themselves as Immediately Interested as any part of the Continent, and as the fishery has been the principal Support of this town neerely Ever Since the Settlement of it until the Commencement of the presant war. Since which they han't been able to pursue it to any advantage, which with other losses has almost ruin'd us, this being the Case, we think it our Indispensable duty to Instruct you to use your Influence in the approaching Session of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, that an application be made to Congress, Praying they would Give possitive Instructions to their Commissioners for Negociating peace to make the right of the United States to the fishery an Indispenceable artical of treaty. The Instructions Given by the Town of Boston to their Representative on this Subject to which we refer you, are in our opinion

[**462.**] amply Sufficient, and the arguments therein Contained must Convince Every Honest mind, that it is of the Greatest Importance, This matter Should be attended to, not only by this and the other Eastern States, but to the whole of the United States without Exception & If neglected, or lost, will be verry Senceably felt by them all.

Signd Ephm Spooner pr order.

Then voted to accept Said report, the Town Clerk to make out a Copy thereof & Give it to Majr Thomas for his Guideance in Sd affair.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on Monday ye 4th March 1782.

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Moderator.

Ephraim Spooner Chosen Town Clerk & Sworn pr John Cotton Esqr.

Messrs Naaman Holbrook Stephen Doten Daniel Diman William LeBarron Majr Joshua Thomas Thomas Davis & Ephm Spooner Were Chosen Selectmen

Messrs John Cotton Esqr Eleazr Stephens & Andrew Croswell Were Chosen Assessors.

Messrs Thomas Davis & Wm Le Baron were added at ye Meetg ye 29th Instant.

John Cotton Esqr Chosen Town Treasurer.

Then the votes for a County Treasurer were brought in & Seald up in Town Meeting pr Mr Stephen Samson Constable who took them.

Then voted that their Shall be as many Schools kept in this Town & under the Same regulations as the last year.

Also Voted that Since the Precinct at Manument Ponds & the Neighbourhoods of Eellriver & Wellingsle, on account of the Depreciation of the Currancy did not keep a School in Either of those places the last year, that in This Instance & for that reason only they Draw their proportion of School money for 1781 this presant year 1782 & this years proportion allso as usual In Case they apply the Same for Keeping Schools & not otherways.

Then made Choice of Deacn Jonathan Diman & Mr James Doten Grand Jurors for ye year. Doten Excused & Nathl Shurtleff Chosen.

And Messrs James Doten Junr Nathl Holmes Barnabas Hedge John Washburn & Cornelius Cobb were Chosen to Serve on the petit Jury at next April Court.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to Monday the 11th of March Instant to ten o'clock P M.

[**463.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth March 11th 1782 by Adjournment from the 4th Instant.

Deacn William Crombie Capt Thomas Davis & John Watson a Committe for Supplyg the Grammer School with a Suteable Master.

Messrs Branch Blackmer John Bartlett & Abner Bartlett Were Chosen a Committe for Supplyg the School in their Neighbourhood with a Master.

Messrs Thomas Ellis & Barnabs Ellis Were Chosen a Committe for Supplyg the School in their Neighbourhood with a Suteable Master

Messrs Phillip Leonard Stephen Doten & Thomas Morton Junr Were Chosen a Committe for Supplyg the School in Eellriver with a Suteable Master

Messrs Ichabod Holmes Thomas Bartlett & Lemuel Morton Were Chosen a Committe to Supply the School at Willingslee with a Suteable Master

Messrs Ebenzr Nellson & John Cotton Junr Were Chosen a Committe to Supply the School in their Neighbourhood with a Suteable Master

Messrs Benjamin Lucas & Isaac Jackson Were Chosen to Supply the School in their Neighbourhood with a Master

Then made choice of

Messrs Thomas Wethrell Samuel Cole & Isaac Le Baron a Committe to Procure a Collector or Collectors for the Town Except Manument ponds.

Then made Choice of

Messrs Branch Blackmer Seth Holmes & Zacheus Bartlett a Comm to Procure a Collectr for Manument ponds.

Then voted to allow the Collectors The presant year the premium of twelve pence a pound on the Same Conditions as the last year.

Then voted & directed the Committes for procurg Collectors to attend their business & report at the Adjournment.

Then made Choice of Messrs Samuel Battles Branch Blackmer Daniel Diman John Swift & Ebenezr Nellson a Committe to Consider what is proper to bo done respectg Yarding Sheep & Restraining Rams in this Town for the future & report at the Adjournment.

Then after reading the Warding Act made Choice of

Capt Abrahm Hammit Mr Lemuel Morton Mr Job Ryder Mr Branch Blackmer & Mr Willm Le Baron Were Chosen Wardens.

Then made Choice of

Messrs Jno Cotton Junr John Watson Ichabd Holmes George Ellis Joseph Sylvester & Thos Ellis were Chosen Surveyors of the highways.

[**464.**] Messrs Thomas Nicolson Thomas Mathews James Collings John Watson Benjamin Warren Jacob Albertson Samuel Sherman Isaac Harlow William Davie Amaziah Harlow Amaziah Churchel Seth Morton Andrew Bartlett John Cotton ye 3rd Timothy Goodwin & Stephen Churchell were Chosen Hogreeves

Messrs Job Ryder Daniel Diman Willm Crombie Thomas Bartlett Geo Ellis & Branch Blackmer were Chosen Fence viewers & field Drivers

Messrs William Watson Joshua Thomas Thomas Davis Isaac Lothrop & James Drew Were Chosen Committe of Correspondence &c

Messrs Thomas Jackson John Watson Brigadeer Goodwin Ephm Spooner & Thomas Nicolson were Chosen firewards

Messrs James Drew Stephen Churchell & Thomas Jackson were Chosen Guagers Cask & Packers of Fish.

Messrs Nathaniel Lewis Isaac Lebaron & Sylvanus Harlow were Chosen Tytheingmen

Messrs Nathaniel Lewis & Jacob Albertson were Chosen Sealers of Leather

Messrs Thomas Jackson & Ichabod Holmes were Chosen Clerks of the Markit.

Messrs Daniel Diman Lemuel Drew & David Lothrop Were Chosen Surveyors Lumbr.

Messrs Thomas Jackson James Drew Stephen Churchell & Lemuel Drew Were Chosen viewers & Cullers of staves & hoops and Surveys of Clapboards & Shingle

Messrs Nathaniel Cornish Seth Mendal Seth Morton & Isaac Jackson were Chosen Deerereeves.

Messrs George Ellis Peter Shurtleff Lemuel Morton Thomas Clark Junr Thomas Morton Junr & Sam: Battles were Chosen to take Care of Plimouth Beach.

Then voted that the Selectmen procure a Sexton on the best terms they Can.

[**465.**] The Town voted to take a Quantity of Alewives for Sail out of half way pond river not Exceeding Two Hundred barrills.

Messrs Phillip Leonard Nathaniel Cornish & James Wright were Chosen a Committe to take Care of Half way pond brook.

Then This meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 18th Instant 2 a Clock.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth March 18th by Adjournment from ye 11th Instant.

Voted & directed the Committes for procureing Collectors Endeavour to procure one or more & report at the Adjournment—

Then Voted & Chose Capt Thomas Nicolson Majr Joshua Thomas & Ephm Spooner a Committe to make a Draft of a by law for regulateing the takeing the Alewives in the Town Brook & lay it before the Town at The Adjournment for their Consideration.

Then Voted & Choose
Messrs John Swift Ichabod Holmes Thomas Davis Stephen Samson George Ellis Ben: Lucas Ben: Cornish Israel Clark Eleazr Ellis & Jno Cotton Junr a Committe to fire the Woods in a proper manner at a Proper time to prevent Damage by fire to the wood Lots.

Then Voted & Chose Majr Joshua Thomas Capt Thomas Nicolson & Ephm Spooner a Committe to prefer another petition to the Generall Court at their next Sessions in behalf of the Town representing our distressing Circumstances, Inserting the Substance of our former Petition & make Such Additions & alterations as they think proper. They allso are Directed to Wait upon the Committe of the Generall Court, that are appointed to view the County of Barnestable and Show them the Several parts of this Town & desire them to forward Sd Petition & Endeavour to Geet the Prayer thereof Granted so farr as they may think it Just.

Then Voted & directed the Hogreeves in this Town to do their duty in takg up the Swine that run at large. It is allso recommended to the Inhabitants Universally to Assist them therein.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to Monday the 25th of March Instant.

[**466.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth March 25th 1782 by Adjournment from ye 18th Instant.

Voted & directed the Committes for hireing Collectors to make tryal to procure them at Vendue.

Then the Committe for prepareing a by Law to regulateing the herring brook reported the following draft viz—

We the Subscribers being appointed by the Town of Plimouth at their meeting on Monday last to prepare a draft of a by-law to regulate the Catching & distributeing the Alewives that pass through the Town brook So Called haveing Considered of that matter do report the following draft of a Town Act or by Law viz—

Plimouth S S—at a Meeting of Plimouth legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimo on Monday the Twenty fifth day of March Anno Domini 1782 The Following rule, order or by law for the better regulateing the herring brook was presented to them by their Committe.

1st That a respectable Committe be appointed by the Town to Catch & distribute the Sd fish in due Proportion to

Every family in town in the manner practiced the two last years for the Catching of which they Shall have the Sum to be agreed upon by the Committe which they Shall sell to the Inhabitants for one Shilling a Grose hundred Except those familys that in the opinion of the Committe are not able to purchase them who shall have them Grattice, as Allso the familys of those Soldiers who are in the Continental Army.

2dly That no person whatsoever Shall Catch any herring in Sd brook Except those Employd by Sd Committe under the penalty of ten Shillings a Score and in the Same proportion for a larger or Smaller quantity. Parents & Masters or Mistresses Shall be Subject to pay the Same fine for their Chilldren or Servants that Shall break the rules abovesd.

3rdly The Place for Catching Sd fish Shall be at the uper mill tail and nowhere Else.

4thly Said Committe to use their discression as to the Quantity proper to be Catched, takeing Efficient Care that a Sufficient Quantity Go up to Spawn, that so the fish in Sd brook may annually Increase. They to appoint proper persons to Watch Sd brook & to pay them out of the Sails of Sd Fish.

5th The overplus money if any their be arising by the Sail of the fish after the Expence is Deducted to be paid into the Town Treasury by the Committe for the Towns use, They Sd Committe Shall Keep a Just & fair account of all the Herrings Catched as abovesd & to whom they are Sold & lay the Same before the Town. And if any person shall refuse to pay for the herrings they may receive of Sd Committe who in their opinion are able to pay for the Same the Committe Shall report their names to the Town at their meeting for raiseing money to pay the town Charges, who shall take Such order thereon as they may think proper.

6thly All fines & forfeitures Incurrd by the breach of this Act to be Sued for & recoverd by any one or more of Sd Committe before any Court proper to try the Same, one half to be to the Prosecution and the other half to be paid into the Town Treasury for the Towns use.

7thly Lastly this Act or by law to be in force for the Space of one year & no longer. For This reason, their is a vote of this Town directing our Representative to Petition

the Generall Court to make an Act to regulate Said Brook.

Moreover no person whatsoever Shall be allowd to Catch any Shotten herrings on their return down Stream at any place Exceptg between the Two Grist Mills, under the penalty abovesd & withont the particular leave of the Committe, All which is Submitted pr

Ephm Spooner
Thomas Nicolson

Plimouth March 25th 1782

Then the Town voted to accept Sd report & Established Sd law. Allso made Choice of Thomas Mayhew Esqr & Majr Joshua Thomas a Committe to present the Same to the next Court of Generall Sessions of the peace to be holden at Plimo the 2nd tuesday of Ap: next for their approbation & allowance.

At the Court above named the above Town Act or by law being red was approvd off by the Court. Attest Josiah Cotton Clerk.

[**467.**] Voted to allow Capt Jesse Harlow so much additional Interest upon the money due to him from the Town as he allowd Capt John Benson of Bridgewater for the beefe he had of him which is Included in Sd Harlow's account against the Town, which was this day Settled pr the Selectmen on Sd Harlows Sd account for payment of which a Draft is made by them on the Town Treasurer.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to ye 29th Instant 2 a Clock P M

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth March 29th 1782 by Adjournmt from the 25th Instant.

Messrs John Morton Joseph Barnes & Andrew Bartlett were Chosen Constables

Messrs Thomas Jackson	Stephen Churchell
Deacn William Crombie	Richard Cooper
Ezra Burbank	George Donham
William Harlow Junr	James Drew
James Doten	Ephraim Spooner
Samuel Battles	Sylvanus Harlow
Ebenezr Samson	John Torrey
Nathaniel Carver	Majr Thomas &
Ichabod Holmes	Sylvanus Bartlett

were Chosen a Committe To Take Care of the Town Brook agreeably to the Laws Respectg the same.

Messrs Samuel Cole Thomas Witherell Isaac Le Baron a Committee In Company with the Manument Committe for hireg Collectors to Wait on the Constables Chosen Inform them of their being Chosen into Sd Office, & if they Decline Servg in Sd office, Then Sd Committe to use Thier Endeavours to hire Collectors.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to ye 1st of April next 2 a Clock P M.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth April 1st 1782 by Adjournment from the 29th of March last.

Mr Sylvanus Bartlett William Watson Esqr & Deacn Jona Diman were Chose a Committe to make Enqiury into the Circumstances of the land that Mr Eleazr Churchell Secured to this Town formerly which land was Sold to Mr Stephen Samson but no deed Given, they to Settle the matter & Give a Deed to Mr Samson of Sd Lands.

Mr Andrew Bartlett who was Chosen Constable came into meeting & Declared his refusal to Serve in Sd office.

Then a Vote was Calld to know if the Town would choose a man to presecute him for his Refusal. It passd in the Negative.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to Monday ye 15th of April Instant to 2 a Clock afternoon.

[**468.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth legally assembled and held at the Court house in Plimouth Monday April 1st 1782 for the Choice of Governor, Lieut Governor & Senators.

For a Governor their were viz—

For his Exelency John Hancock Esqr	22 Votes
For the Honourabl James Bowdoin Esqr	5 Do

For a Lieut Governor viz—

for the Honourabl Thomas Cushing Esqr	20 Votse
for The Honourabl Samuel Addams Esqr	5 Do
for the Honourabl James Warren Esqr	1 Do

For Senators viz

for the Honourable Nathan Cushing Esqr	7 Votes
for the Honourable William Sever Esqr	8 Do
for the Honourabl Charles Turner Esqr	20 Do
for Generall Wadsworth	2 Do
for Ephraim Spooner	10 Do
for Hugh Orr Esqr	6 Do
for William Drew Esqr	3 Do

for William Watson Esqr	6 Do
for George Watson Esqr	2 Do
for John Turner Esqr	1 Do
for John Cotton Esqr	1 Do

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth April 15th 1782.

Thomas Mayhew Esqr Chosen Moderator.

Then the request of the Revd Chandler Robbins was read, requesting liberty to fence in the burying hill that he might pasture the Same.

After which the Town voted that the Revd Mr Robbins have liberty to fence in the said hill he to have the benefit of pastureing the Same for So long a time as the Town think proper he to have liberty to take off the fence when he pleases. It is proposd the fence Shall go aback of the meeting house & the Barns to his personage lott, Allso as soon as he Can Conveniently he Shall make a fence from the Meeting house to the land of Mr Sylvanus Bartlett leaveing an open way to go over sd hill to the lane leading down by the house of John Cotton Esqr.

Then made Choice of Messrs Samuel Jackson William Morton & Abm Hammet To Serve on the Grand Jury.

And Messrs William Weston Jesse Harlow Ichabod Shaw James Doten Robt Brown & John Bartlett were appointed To Serve on the Petit Jury all at the next Supream Judicial Court to be holden at Plimouth the third tuesday of May next.

[**469.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth April 15th 1782 by Adjournment from ye 1st Instant Mr Nathaniel Shurtleff was Chosen Grand Juryman in the room of Mr James Doten who was Excused.

Then a vote was Calld to know if the Town would choose an Agent or Agents to prosecute Messrs John Morton & Joseph Barnes for not Serving as Constables, it passed in the Negative.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to ye 23rd Instant to 2 a Clock P M

At the forementioned meeting the Committe for takeing into Consideration the matter of yarding Sheep &c Reported the following Regulation.

1st—That their be Yards & Yard Keepers in the following places in this Town viz

1 at Mr Seth Mendalls
1 at Mr Branch Blackmers
1 at Mr Stephen Doten Junrs
1 at Mr Peter Shurtleffs
1 at The Traneing Green
1 at Mr Isaac Symmss' &
1 at Mr Job Cobbs

2dly That the Inhabitants Shall begin to look up & yard the Sheep ye 2nd Monday in Novr annually which is to be notifyd in writeing Some days before hand that the owners of sheep may all attend an that day.

3rdly The owners of the Sheep that are yarded Shall pay 4d pr head to the yard keepers Excluding those Sheep that are baged.

4thly All strays are to be notifyd by the Yard Keeper in writting in this & two Neighbouring Towns, the Inhabitants to Carry all Stray Sheep to the Yark Keeper, Shall receive one penny pr day for keepg the Sheep or the fleece which the owner Chooses.

5th If no owner appears at Common Shearing time the Yard Keeper Shall Shear the Sheep & have the fleece only for his Trouble. If the sheep hath a lamb he Shall mark it as the Sheep is Mark't.

Then the Town Voted to accept Sd report & made Choice of

Messrs Seth Mendal	Stephen Doten Junr
Peter Shurtleff	Cornelius Cobb
Branch Blackmer	Samuel Battles &

Isaac Symms

were Chosen Yard Keepers they to make a Proper Yard Each at his own Expence.

[**470.**] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth April 23rd 1782 by Adjournmt from the 15th Instant, viz the March Meeting,

Capt Thomas Nicolson was Chosen Moderator P T.

The Meeting was Adjonrnd to 29th of April Instant 2 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimo April 29th 1782 by Adjournment from the 23rd Instant viz the March Meeting.

Mr Daniel Diman Chosen Moderator P T.

The Meeting was Adjournd to ye 13th of May next 2 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth May 13th Anno Domini 1782, Majr Joshua Thomas Chosen to Serve as Representative at the Generall Court the Currant year.

Then Deacn Jonathan Diman was Chosen Moderator.

Then voted to raise the Sum of Two hundred pounds Towards defraying the Charges of the Town the Presant year.

Then the March meeting which Stood Adjournd to this day was opend.

Deacn Jonathan Diman was Chosen Moderator P T.

Voted that the Severall Committees for procureing Collectors be & hereby are Directed to use their best Endeavours to procure Collectors on the best terms they Can.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to ye 27th of May Instant to 2 a Clock P M.

The Town met the 27th of May 1782 And the meeting was Adjournd to the 3rd of June next 2 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth June 10th 1782.

John Cotton Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

Mr John Cotton Junr Came into Town Meeting & offered to Collect the Taxes that Shall be lain on Two of the 6 Classes for Procureg Soldiers viz ye 1st & 2nd Classs for his Proportion of Sixteen pounds for the whole Town as bounty & the usual premium of 12d on the pound.

Then made Choice of Sd Cotton as Collector for Sd Two Classes & to allow Sd Bounty & Premeum.

[471.] Mr Jeremiah Holmes Came into Meeting & offerd to Collect the Taxes the Currant year within the limits of the 3rd 4th & 5th Classes in Town upon the Same Conditions that Mr Cotton did as Entd this day. The Town accordingly made Choice of Sd Holmes as Collector for Sd Limmits.

Also at the Town Meeting June 10th Said Mr Jeremiah Holmes Came into meeting & offerd to Serve as Collector for the Limits of ye 6th Class.

Then made Choice of Mr Thomas Torrey & Mr Jeremiah Holmes Constables for the presant year who were Sworn in town meeting pr Thomas Mayhew Esqr.

Then made Choice of Mr Barnabas Holmes as Collector for ye 6th Class or the limmits thereof.

Then made Cohice of Mr Samuel Cole Majr Joshua Sherman & Mr John Watson a Committe to take into Consideration the accounts Between Mr Barlett Lebaron (as Collector & Schoolmaster for Some former years in this Town) and the Town & report what they think is due from him, at the Adjournment.

Messrs Richard Holmes Junr & Thaddeus Churchell were appointed to Serve on the Petit Jury, at the next Inferiour Court &c to be holden the first Tuesday of July next.

Then this Meeting was Adjournd to ye 13th Instant 2 a Clock P M.

At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimo ye 13th of June 1782 by Adjournment from the 10th Instant.

Mr Barnabas Holmes Came into meeting & for reasons he offerd desired the Town would Excuse him from Serveing as Collectr to which office he was Chosen at the last meeting.

Then a vote was Calld to know if the Town would Choose a man to Prosecute Sd Holmes for not Servg as Collector the presant year, it passed in the Negative.

Then made Choice of Messrs Seth Holmes Israel Clark John Bartlett Thomas Ellis & Abner Bartlett a Committe to procure a Collector for the limits of the 6th Class (for procurg Soldiers)& to report at the Adjournmt.

Then the Committe that were appointed to Examine the accounts of Messrs Bartlett Le Baron & Stephen Churchell were desird to report at the Adjournment, And Mr Thomas Davis Junr is added to them.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to tuesday ye 20th of June Instant 2 a Clock P M.

[472.] At a Meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally Assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth June 20th 1782 by Adjournment from the 13th Instant.

Mr Abner Bartlett was Chosen Collector, he appeard in Town meeting & Declined Serving.

A Vote was Calld to know if the Town would Choose a man to prosecute him, it passed in the Negative.

Then the report of the Committe respectg Mr Bartlett Le Baron was read, which is as follows.

Dr Mr Bartlett Le Baron in account with the Town of Plimouth.

To what is due from you as

Collector 1771				£161	6	8
To Ditto 1772				479	15	1½
To Ditto 1773				414	18	2½
				£1056	0	0
Cr						
By what you Collected & paid Mr Cotton				484	8	¾
By what you pd Febry 1779 in paper money	54	0	0			
reduced to Silver allowd you 90-0 a year for Keepg the School the above 54-0 for 3 mo School				22	10	0
By Ditto paid June 11th 1779	50	0	0			
By Ditto paid July 22nd 1779	60	0	0			
By Ditto paid Janry 14 1780	78	0	0			
By Ditto paid ye 20th	70	0	0			
	£258	0	0			
reduced To Silver is				64	10	0
By Ditto pd May 26th 1780 £100-0 In Specie				8	6	7
By Commissions on 900-0 being what remains after Deductg The Abatements at 5 pr ct				45	0	0
By premeum allowd for 3 years				11	5	0
1782 June By Keeping the Town School from the date of your last ordr to this day is 19 months at 90-0 a year				142	10	0
				£778	9	7¾
Ballc Due from Mr Le Baron				277	10	4¼

The committe appointed to consider what money is due from Mr Bartlett LeBaron agreeable to the direction of the Town, haveing allowd him ninety pounds a year for keepg the Town school their is due from Mr LeBaron to the Town the sum of two hundred seventy seven pounds ten shillings & 4¼d agreeable to the above account which sum Mr LeBaron is hereby directed to collect as soon as may be & pay into the Town Treasury in order to discharge the Debt of Mr Pitts against the Town.

Samuel Cole,
John Watson
Thomas Davis Junr

Plimouth June 17th 1782.

Then voted to accept the above report on condition that Mr Bartlett LeBaron pays one half the above sum in four months & the remaining half in eight months from this day.

The report of the Committe respectg Capt Stephen Churchill was read & is as follows.

The committe appointed to consider what allowce should be made Capt Stephen Churchill on the ballance due from him to the Town on the Tax committed to him to Collect Janry 1777 beg leave to report, that considering the sudding depreciation of the then currancy soon after the bills was in his possession & that part has been paid in paper money, they are of oppinion that in ordr to make an Equallity with those who have not, with those that have paid, that Twenty pr ct deduction for depreciation would be Just & reasonable, and that Capt Churchill be directed to collect the remainder as soon as may be in silver money (makeing the same allowance to the Individuals who have not paid as is Granted him) & pay the same into the Town Treasurer, In order to discharge the debt of Mr. Pitts against the Town.

Samuel Cole
Thomas Davis Junr

Plimouth June 20th 1782.

Voted to accept sd report on conditions that Capt Churchill pays in the money due from him one half in four months & the other half in Eight months from this day.

Then the warrent for a new meeting this day in consequence of the Petition of Majr Benjamin Ryder & other soldiers in the year 1780 they being paid 20 bus corn pr month at 60 paper Dolls pr bush is 360-0 a month which they suppose is too little.

Then Thomas Mayhew Esqr was chosen moderator. By the Desire of the petitioners the Consideration of sd affair was put off to the next Town Meeting.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court House in Plimouth July 29th A Domini 1782.

John Cotton Esqr was chosen Moderator.

Then Voted & directed the Collectors of the last Continental Tax in this Town to use their best Endeavours Forthwith to collect & pay in the same agreeable to the Requisition of the Generall Court.

Also recommended it to the Inhabitants to pay said Tax as soon as possible.

Then voted & directed the committe that were appointed to examine the accounts of Capt Stephen Churchill & other Collectors, to examine the bills of John Goddard a Collector

in some former years, see what he owes the Town & report the same, Also what rate he said Goddard ought to receive & pay in the money due to the Town.

[474.] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Septembr 9th 1782.

John Cotton Esqr was chosen Moderator.

Then voted & directed the Town Treasurer to use his Endeavours to Collect from the several Collectors that are in Debt to the Town those in special that have been long in Debt, The value of what is due from the Town to their late schoolmasters viz Messrs Timothy Healey Junr & Joseph Crocker, and if the sum of Thirty pounds of it is not paid within the term of twenty days then the Treasurer is directed to issue his executions for the whole sum due to the schoolmasters being about sixty pounds, on the whole that is due from said Collectors, but if half said sum be paid in twenty days then he is directed to stay his executions for the other half untill forty days from this time, and if the money is not then paid he is Directed to Issue his executions for said purpose.

Then voted & directed the selectmen & Town Treasurer in the Towns Behalf to renew the bond formerly Given by the Selectmen & Town Treasurer to the Honourable William Sever Esqr Adding the Intrest thereto agreeable to his Proposal.

Then made choice of Messrs Ezekiel Ryder & Isaac Doten to serve on the Petit Jury at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Plimo ye 1st Tuesday of Octr next.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Septembr 20th 1782.

Thomas Davis Junr was chosen Clerk P T.

Majr Joshua Thomas chosen Moderator.

Then the meeting was adjourned till Tomorrow 2 a Clock.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Septembr 21st 1782 by adjournment from ye 20th. The report of the Committe respecting Mr John Goddards Debt to the town was read is as follows: The committe appointed to examine the accounts between Mr John Goddard & the Town, and report in what manner the same should be settled do find due to the Town from Mr Goddard nine thousand nine hundred thirty

three pounds nine shillings & two pence on five several bills committed to him to collect in the years 1778-1779 & 1780 as pr account from the Town Treasurer. The Committe are of opinion that it would be just & right for Mr Goddard to collect the same of the Individuals from whom it is due & settle with the Town Treasurer in the following manner viz:

[475] first bills 5½ for one which is due	£124	16	0
Second Do 10 for one due on The Same	426	16	0
Third Dd 17 for one due on it	675	0	0
Fourth Do 30 for one due on it	4256	17	2
Fifth Do 40 for one due on it	4450	0	0

and that the Town Treasurer be Directed to consolidate the Debt at the above rates, & that any abatements that are already, or may be made on Either of the bills, as Also Mr Goddard's Commissions & premium be consolidated by the same Scales, and that Mr Goddard be Directed to receive the Taxes due to him on Each particular bill, at the rates above mentioned, & pay the same to the Town Treasurer as soon as may be.

Samuel Cole
Joshua Thomas
Thomas Davis Junr

Plimouth Septembr 17th 1782.

Then Voted to accept said report.

At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth Legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth Novembr 11th 1782.

John Cotton Esqr was chosen Moderator.

Then voted & chose

Brigadian Goodwin
Isaac Lothrop Esqr &
Thomas Davis Junr

a Committe to settle the Town Treasurers accounts & obligations, & to Consoledate the Balances due from the several Collectors &c to the Town, agreeable to the Scail of depreciations settled by the Generall Court & report the same to the Town as soon as may be.

Then voted & desired the Inhabitants of this Town to supply the Selectmen with such necessarys as they may need for the support of the poor in the Town, Including the soldiers familys, the Insuing winter, which supplys shall be paid out the Town Taxes already made.

Then voted & chose Messrs Samuel Cole
Andrew Croswell &
Thomas Wethrell

a Committe to take into consideration the paragraph in the warrent respecting paying these men, that advancd money to the millitary officers for raiseing these men, that went into the service of the United States from this Town in 1780 & the pay to the officers for the men they procured for that service, & report at the adjournment.

The request of Mr John Cotton ye 3d desireing liberty to sett up a building below the uper milldam, was read. Voted and Directed the Selectmen to view the place & determine what shall be done in that affair.

Then made choice of Messrs James Harlow & David Lothrop to serve on the Petit Jury at the next Decembr Court is the second tuesday in sd month.

Then made choice of Messrs Sylvanus Bartlett, William Crombie & Wm LeBaron a committe to consider the Request of Ephraim Spooner that the Town would make him an allowc for the Time he has spent in doing the Towns business in the corse of the presant warr & report at the Adjournment.

Then this meeting was adjournd to Monday ye 25th Instant to 2 a clock afternoon.

[**476.**] At a meeting of the Town of Plimouth legally assembled & held at the Court house in Plimouth on ye 25th Novr 1782 by adjournment from the 11th Instant.

Voted the Town will Give Mr John Cotton ye 3rd liberty to sett up a building on the land below the uper milldam between those two brooks that run there viz the Towns right thereto, if they have any, on Condition sd cotton find and allow the Town sufficiant hogshead tubbs to strike alewives in when they are Catched, and the liberty of useing said building for the purpose of secureing and Dilivering said fish to the Inhabitants annually. In case sd Cotton dont, in any shape, hinder the corse of the alewives in sd brook the building is proposd to be thirty feet long & sixteen feet wide. Then made choice of

Mr. Andrew Croswell
Mr. Samuel Cole &
Mr Thomas Wethrell

a committe to Consider the request of Capt Stephen Churchill praying the Town would take some paper money of the old emission of him which he says he took for taxes in years past, and to report to the Town at the Adjournment.

Then this meeting was Adjournd to ye 16th day of Decembr next to 2 a Clock afternoon.

At a meeting of the town of Plimouth Decembr 16th 1782 by Adjournment from the 25th day of Novembr last.

Voted and Directed the selectmen to take care to remove Samuel Hollis family to Weymouth where they belong.

Then this meeting was adjournd to ye 6th day of January next to 2 a clock afternoon.

[NOTE.] The following may be considered a footnote to the various pages containing allusions to celebrations of the anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims.

Forefathers Day was first celebrated by the Old Colony Club in 1769. The orators at the various anniversaries have been as follows:

1770 Edward Winslow, Jr., for the Old Colony Club.
1772 Rev. Chandler Robbins, of Plymouth, for the Old Colony Club.
1773 Rev. Charles Turner, of Duxbury, for the Old Colony Club.
1774 Rev. Gad Hitchcock, of Pembroke, for the town.
1775 Rev. Samuel Baldwin, of Hanover, for the town.
1776 Rev. Sylvanus Conant, of Middleboro, for the town.
1777 Rev. Samuel West, of Darmouth, for the town.
1778 Rev. Timothy Hilliard, of Barnstable, for the town.
1779 Rev. Wm. Shaw, of Marshfield, for the town.
1780 Rev. Jonathan Moore of Rochester, for the town.
1793 Rev. Chandler Robbins, of Plymouth, for the town.
1798 Dr. Zaccheus Bartlett, of Plymouth, for the town.
1800 Hon. John Davis, of Boston, for the town.
1801 Rev. John Allyn of Duxbury, for the town.
1802 Hon. John Quincy Adams, of Quincy, for the town.
1803 Rev. John T. Kirkland, of Cambridge, for the town.
1804 Rev. James Kendall, of Plymouth, for the First Parish.
1804 Hon. Alden Bradford, of Boston, for the town.
1806 Rev. Abiel Holmes, of Cambridge, for the town.
1807 Rev. James Freeman, of Boston, for the town.
1808 Rev. Thaddeus M. Harris, of Dorchester, for the town.
1809 Rev. Abiel Abbot, of Beverly, for the town.
1811 Rev. John Eliot, of Boston, for the town.
1815 Rev. James Flint, of Bridgewater, for the town.
1816 Rev. Ezra Shaw Goodwin, of Sandwich, for the First Parish.
1817 Rev. Horace Holley, of Boston, for the town.
1818 Hon. Wendell Davis, of Sandwich, for the town.
1819 Hon. Francis C. Gray, of Boston, for the town.
1820 Hon. Daniel Webster, of Boston, for the Pilgrim Society.
1822 Rev. Eliphalet Porter, of Roxbury, for the Pilgrim Society.
1824 Hon. Edward Everett, of Cambridge, for the Pilgrim Society.
1826 Rev. Richard S. Storrs, of Braintree, for the Third Parish.
1827 Rev. Lyman Beecher, of Boston, for the Third Parish.
1828 Rev. Samuel Green, of Boston, for the Third Parish.
1829 Rev. Daniel Huntington, of Bridgewater, for the Third Parish.
1829 Hon. Wm. Sullivan, of Boston, for the Pilgrim Society.
1830 Rev. Benjamin Wisner, of Boston, for the Third Parish.
1831 Rev. John Codman, of Dorchester, for the Third Parish.
1831 Rev. John Brazer, of Salem, for the First Parish.
1832 Rev. Jonathan Bigelow of Rochester for the Third Parish.
1832 Rev. Converse Francis, of Watertown, for the First Parish.

1833 Rev. Samuel Barrett, of Boston, for the First Parish.
1834 Rev. George W. Blagden, of Boston, for the Pilgrim Society.
1835 Hon. Peleg Sprague, of Boston, for the Pilgrim Society.
1837 Rev. Robert B. Hall, of Plymouth, for the Pilgrim Society.
1838 Rev. Thomas Robbins, of Mattapoisett, for the Pilgrim Society.
1839 Rev. Robert B. Hall, of Plymouth, for the Third Parish.
1841 Hon. Joseph R. Chandler, of Philadelphia, for the Pilgrim Society.
1846 Rev. Mark Hopkins, of Williamstown, for the Third Parish.
1847 Rev. Thomas I. Stone, of Salem, for the First Parish.
1848 Rev. Samuel M. Worcester, D. D., of Salem, for the Robinson Society.
1855 Hon. Wm. H. Seward, of Auburn, N. Y., for the Pilgrim Society.
1870 Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, of Boston, for the Pilgrim Society.
1889 Hon. W. P. C. Breckenridge, of Lexington, Ky., for the Pilgrim Society.
1895 Hon. George Frisbee Hoar, of Worcester, for the Pilgrim Society.

The celebration in 1870 was on the 21st of December, which date was then for the first time publicly recognized as the true anniversary. The celebration in 1889, was on the first of August, the anniversary of the Departure of the Pilgrims from Delfthaven. At the celebration of 1889, a poem was delivered by John Boyle O'Reilly, of Boston, and at the celebration of 1895, a poem was delivered by Richard Henry Stoddard of New York. I have found, on referring to the printed copies of the addresses of Rev. Chandler Robbins and Hon. Alden Bradford, that they were delivered in 1793 and 1804, and not in 1794 and 1805, as stated by Thacher and Russell. [Editor]

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